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"THE WIDOW FROM MUDDY CREEK"

BY J. B. HOLLAND

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Life Insurance by Mail

A measure has been introduced in Congress to prevent or restrict the use of the mails for the business of life insurance. It appears to be a piece of class legislation of very objectionable character, and in the interest of the old-line companies, who depend upon their thousands of agents in all parts of the country, who must be paid large commissions on the insurance that they handle. We have nothing to say against the business of these old-line companies, as we believe that our citizens should have the privilege of dealing with them if they so desire. But we do protest against these companies being allowed to influence legislation so as to prevent the citizens of any state from taking advantage of the lower cost of reliable and safe life insurance, that may be effected by eliminating the local agencies. The proposition before Congress appears to be the result of animus on the part of the old-line companies against the Postal Life Insurance Company of New York, the one American company that does a sound business by mail. Our present laws are sufficient to prevent unfair companies from using the mails for their business, and our people should not be hampered in obtaining their insurance by mail if they so desire.

HYMN FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Charlotte Elliott

I take my pilgrim staff anew,
Life's path untrodden to pursue,
Thy guiding eye, my Lord, I view;
My times are in thy hand.

Throughout the year, my heavenly friend,
On thy best guidance I depend;
From its commencement to its end,
My times are in thy hand.

Should comfort, health, and peace be mine,
Should hours of gladness on me shine,
Then let me trace thy love divine;
My times are in thy hand.

But should'st thou visit me again,
With languor, sorrow, sickness, pain,
Still let this thought my hope sustain,
My times are in thy hand.

Thy smile alone makes moments bright,
That smile turns darkness into light;
This thought will soothe grief's saddest night—
My times are in thy hand.

Should those this year be called away,
Who lent to life its brightest ray,
Teach me in that dark hour to say,
My times are in thy hand.

A few more days, a few more years—
Oh, then a bright reverse appears;
Then I shall no more say with tears,
My times are in thy hand.

That hand my steps will gently guide
To the dark brink of Jordan's tide,
Then bear me to the heavenward side;
My times are in thy hand.

The Widow from Muddy Creek

By J. B. HOLLAND

IT HAD all come from that repairing he was doing for old John Redburn, and his fame as a carpenter.

He was considered a first-class carpenter, and for years had built and repaired very nearly all the dwelling houses in Brown Township; but his hobby was barn building, and there he was in his glory. Other men aspired to great heights—to occupying the White House, to leading vast armies—but his whole soul was wrapped up in building the best barns in Brown Township. Dave might have exclaimed, "Let me build the barns of my country, and I care not who makes its laws."

He had at one time another object in life, and that was getting a wife; but he had met with so many rebuffs, and so often been trampled in the dust, so to speak, by their otherwise gentle feet, that he was beginning to lose heart, and to think his soul's idol must be a barn. And yet he could not understand why he should be left lonely through life, though he was dimly conscious there was something wrong or at fault with either society as it was constructed, or with the girls not appreciating his good looks, good clothes (made by the best tailor of Vineland), and his fine horse and buggy, his farm of two hundred acres, but most of all, his genius for barn building.

When he thought of how some of these girls had snubbed him for some Tom, Dick or Harry he fairly ground his teeth with rage, and gave an extra-vicious blow to the nail he was driving into an unoffending board; but he was a mild little man, and his heart was not so dead within him but what it could be quickened into life at a few careless words or a smile from one of the fair sex, and his anger would vanish, and likewise his prudence, and he would rush headlong into a proposal, and be ready to bow down and worship all womankind for the sake of one pretty face.

The whole countryside knew of his many disappointments, and how in the face of defeat he still kept trying; but his fame as a barn builder had traveled into other townships—nay, counties—and he was not surprised to be sent for one day to do some repairing on John Redburn's house, at Brown Center, in another county. He did not expect it would be a very long job, and it was scarcely worth while to take his store clothes along; still he did not know what a day might bring forth in the way of meeting some fair one, for he had heard there were some pretty good-looking girls in Ross County.

He reached his destination in safety without meeting his fate, completed the work he was engaged on, and was preparing to start for home, when a man brought a message to him from a lady asking him to call at her home to see

about building something, but the writing was so poor he could not for the life of him make out whether it was a barn or a chicken coop.

When old man Redburn heard of it he slapped his sides, and laughed loud and long, and said, "Well, I swan! If here ain't a chance for you! She's a widow, and her barn was washed away by high water in the spring, and she wants you to build her another, as our carpenter, old Bill Ward, is laid up with the rheumatiz."

Dave ventured to ask, "Where does she live, and what is her name?"

"Mrs. Jenkins, but she always goes by the name of 'The Widow from Muddy Creek.' You see, her place is close to

"Yes; and I have come to see about the work you wrote to me about."

"Well, you'd better talk to my niece about it, as she owns this place. Best walk right in, and I will call her. You see, we're busy today, and are just finishing up the wash."

In a few minutes the widow came upon the scene, fair, fat and thirty, with a hurried look about her attire, as if she'd jumped into her dress and had put a goodly dab of powder on to hide the freckles and the ravages of washing on her rather florid style of beauty. She was energetic, and had plenty to say for herself, and a smile that showed her store teeth to advantage and made Dave's heart flutter, and he resolved to build that barn for her if he lost money by it, for he soon discovered she was keen at making a bargain.

They went out in the barn yard to look the situation over and talk over the pros and cons and select a new site on higher ground for the barn, and after talking it over to their satisfaction—that is, to the widow's—he was engaged to build the new structure, and he commenced that very afternoon, with the aid of the hired man, to get the timber together, and the widow, looking on from some distance, sprinkling and folding up the clothes, thought, with admiration, "There's a man that don't need to be pushed. He'd be worth having;" and she resolved to reward his diligence, and at the same time further her own interests, by getting up one of her most inviting suppers, as he was to board with her until the barn was completed.

When the carpenter came in from his labors, and had washed and combed out by the pump, and sat down to the well-spread table with the widow directly opposite, he felt as if his happiness was

complete, or would have been if he had been dressed in his new spring suit, starched shirt and polka-dot tie.

The aunt said, "I don't know what is needed more about this house than a man. Here are us two lone women at the mercy of every one, with no one to fetch and carry, and if I was Miranda I'd marry again. But then, she's set against it. Not but what she has plenty of chances, and from good men, at that. You know she's right good-looking, and as for working, she can't be beat."

"Oh, Aunt Jane, don't talk that way; it is so embarrassing. Besides, Mr. — will think you're trying to set your cap for him."

"I'd set my cap for him pretty quick if I was a young girl, for he is the likeliest man I've seen in many a day, and it just seems as if he had been raised on the place the way he goes about things."

In the meantime David was enjoying the fried chicken, etc. He finally inquired how long Miranda had been a widow."



They made up a plot to break up the match by circulating a report all over the neighborhood that Miranda Jenkins' fellow had deserted a wife and five children.

Muddy Creek, and the creek's always on a rampage and spoiling her place; but she has plenty of grit, and builds as fast as something is destroyed. But, between us, she'd be glad to catch another man, and leave these here parts, and I'd advise you to set your cap for the widow."

And this was Dave's first introduction to the widow. He was not very much prepossessed with the idea of fording Muddy Creek, nor with his view of the widow's domain, a good-sized weather-beaten house standing on a bare, high bluff, like a lighthouse to guide the mariners who braved the dangerous waters of Muddy Creek, and he almost felt disposed to turn back; but thoughts of the widow gave him fresh courage, and for her sweet sake he went through the ordeal. The horse floundered through somehow, and scrambled up the steep bank, and as he tied the horse to the fence he thought he saw a woman putting away some wash tubs whisk down the cellar steps, but just then an elderly woman appeared, and said, "Are you the carpenter from Redburn's?"

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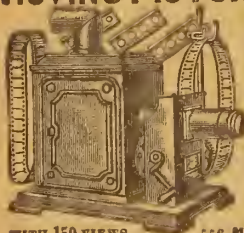


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"It will be two years next September, and it breaks my heart to think of poor Josiah," and a tear glittered like a Kohinoor on her eyelashes, and fell into the plum sauce she was helping David to, where it lost itself among the purple sweetness; but he swallowed the widow's tear with as much indifference as Cleopatra did the pearl. It was a new dish, and he should have appreciated the poetry of the affair, etc. But how could he, when his senses were steeped in such a supper, the new barn, and last, though not least, the widow?

After supper he sat out in the moonlight on the wash-bench by the kitchen door, building castles in Spain—or rather a fine house, with the widow presiding over it—and he pictured what a paradise it would be, and from that he came back to barn-building, and he resolved that the widow's barn should be his masterpiece—a standing monument of his great genius, more to him than the great works of a Michael Angelo.

He had been invited to go out on the front porch, where Miranda and her aunt were enjoying the moonlight, Muddy Creek and the frog-concert. After a time David grew tired of enjoying the moonlight with only the cat for company, and had a longing to join the widow on the front porch, but hesitated because of his everyday attire; but he finally ventured into the front yard and onto the porch, where he was received with great delight by the widow, and in a few minutes found himself seated in the best rocking-chair, listening with rapt attention to the trials and tribulations of lone women and Aunt Jane's opinion of men in general.

For instance: "The men nowadays ain't worth their salt. They are too lazy to breathe. All they seem good for is making work for the women, or hanging around the postoffice chewing tobacco. But you seem different from that sort of creature. Young man, I've taken a powerful fancy to you, and hope you don't smoke or chew."

"No, ma'am; nor drink, play cards or steal—unless sometime I might be tempted to steal some one's heart," and after such a brilliant remark he subsided into silence.

The widow finally broke the silence by saying, "You will never know what a good husband I had—never a cross word, and waited upon like a queen."

"I am very sorry for you, but I never had the pleasure of losing my partner—I mean sorrow. It is a pity such a good young man should die so young."

"Ah, yes! But he died full of honor and years, for he was eighty-nine years of age."

The neighbors could have told him how Miranda Jenkins ran after the old man for the sake of his property, and after they were married pestered the life out of him to put his few acres in her name so his children in Iowa could not claim it after his death.

Presently Aunt Jane slipped off to bed, leaving David and the widow alone. The latter started the conversation again by saying, "A night like this always makes me think of the night Josiah asked me to be his wife."

"Does it? Somehow it makes me think of the first barn I built, and how I went out after supper and looked at it."

The widow was not of a very poetical temperament, but even she wondered if all his thoughts ran to barns, and to

change the subject got up and gathered a bunch of pinks from the flower-bed by the front steps, and handing him a few, told him they were her favorite flower.

"Well, I like pinks, too, for they smell so spicy, like cloves or cinnamon-drops; and I like their color—it's like the young ladies when they blush," and then he laughed at his bright remark.

The widow said, "As you are so fond of flowers, I must show you ours. I intend getting up to-morrow at five o'clock, as I've a big ironing to do, and may take it into my head to weed the flower-beds before breakfast, and if you are around I will show you my phloxes."

The hint was not thrown away upon David, for he was up long before five o'clock, and when the widow appeared he helped her with the weeding and admired her more than ever. To be sure, he had more of a fancy for brunettes, but in a pinch could put up with the widow's rather blonde type. It was not the type, after all, but the woman, with her warm human sympathies for his loneliness. As they went in to breakfast he asked her if she would be on the front porch that evening.

Of course she would, and would be only too glad to have him come out and talk to Aunt Jane and her humble self, for he would surely die of the blues with only the cat for company. She hoped he'd make himself to home, which he proceeded to do, and enjoyed the fine breakfast, much to Aunt Jane's delight. The hired man looked on in open-eyed wonder at the feast prepared in honor of the carpenter, and settled himself for a siege of the good things, and hoped the barn-building would last a year if this was to be a sample of the bills of fare.

The widow did not forget her promise to be on the front porch that evening, and was there waiting to welcome him arrayed in a freshly ironed summer dress, and of course did not forget to wear a bunch of his favorite flower, to show him she had not forgotten the evening previous, and they kept up quite an animated conversation to the running accompaniment of rippling Muddy Creek.

It was a very serious talk for a moonlight night, but by dint of well-directed questions she found out his religious beliefs, the size of his farm and his bank-account, the number of his flock, how many relations he had, and if he was engaged to any one else, his age, etc., until she felt satisfied to let the affair take its course. He resolved to be more cautious than he had been in the past, and did not rush headlong into an offer of marriage after a few hours' acquaintance, as this was his first experience with widows. For although he answered her frankly regarding his affairs, he did not grow in the least sentimental, which sort of surprised himself and disappointed the widow, for she had expected him to try and take her heart by storm and make at least some sort of attempt at love-making.

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THE CARE OF ROSES.

By Prof. E. P. Sandsten, of Colorado Agricultural College.

Hardy outdoor roses require considerable attention for the best results. Good flowers are difficult to obtain from old wood and severe spring pruning should be practiced. The old bushes should be cut back to within six or eight inches of the ground so as to encourage strong, vigorous growing shoots. The number of shoots left of the old wood should be from three to four and from each of these shoots new branches or shoots will grow, which in turn will bear the blossoms. If no pruning is done, the old wood will send out short side shoots which will bear small and poorly developed blossoms with short stems and of poor lasting quality. The plants cannot be kept in vigorous growth and produce good blossoms without the production of new wood, for the blossoms are borne on the current year's growth.

The soil in the bed should be given attention. It should be worked up every spring and heavily fertilized with well rotted cow manure. This should be worked into the soil and during the first part of the season the ground should be frequently stirred. With the advent of the hot weather, the rose bed should be heavily mulched with old leaves or with clippings from the lawn. Roses do best when the soil is kept as cool as possible. A clay loam soil is preferable to a sandy one, but under all conditions soil drainage is required.

In order to obtain the best blossoms, it is desirable to reduce the number of buds to one or two on each shoot, for if too many are permitted to grow and develop they will be inferior and are apt to become deformed, as the plant cannot supply sufficient nourishment for all the buds formed. The grower should aim to produce not a large number of flowers but flowers of superior merit.

Roses in cold climate require winter protection and this can be provided for by tying some straw around the base of the bushes and a gunny sack outside of the straw to hold it in place, though if they are trimmed back considerably a covering of leaves or rubbish held down with sticks or pieces of board will serve the purpose. If not covered, the bushes are apt to kill back close to the ground, thus leaving no old wood from which new growth can start and a season's crop of flowers is apt to be lost; besides the rose bushes are considerably weakened by the cold. The growing of roses is not necessarily professional work, for they are easy to grow and with a little attention no family need to be without them.

THE INDOOR WINDOW BOX.

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following suggestions as the results of study and experiment by specialists, and we are pleased to give our readers the benefit of the best information on this subject yet

attained by expert government officials.

The indoor window box, properly planned and tended, will afford much pleasure and satisfaction to the housewife who misses her out-of-door garden during the winter months. It is a mistaken notion that plants when kept in living rooms use up certain elements of the air in such quantities as to make it unhealthful for individuals using the room. It is much harder on plants to be in a room with people than for people to be in a room with growing plants. Plants, indeed, use air, but use such a small proportion that the effect of the plant in the room is negligible if the room is ventilated at all. This also holds good for cut flowers or plants in a sick room, although the odor of some flowers may be depressing to the patient, and bad for that reason.

A good depth for an indoor window box is about twelve inches. The bottom of the box should be covered with stones and broken pottery to give drainage and this should be covered by a layer of moss to prevent the soil above from working down through the stones. The drainage and moss should take up about three inches. The greater the body of soil above the moss the more uniform it may be kept as to moisture. The soil should come to within an inch and a half or two inches of the top of the box.

The indoor window box should be made to fit into the window. To get as much light as possible it should be level with the window. It may be fastened with brackets or placed on a table, or have legs made for it. There should be a drip pan beneath to keep water from soiling the floor. The box may rest directly above the drip pan on legs half an inch to an inch high or the box may be water-tight with the exception of a hole at one end to let out the water.

The top of the soil should be allowed to become quite dry once in a while. The results of watering will teach the owner to regulate the supply. Boxes may need watering in sunny weather (especially toward spring) every day, or at least every other day; in cloudy mid-winter weather not more than once a week. As a rule it is better to water lightly and frequently than heavily and infrequently. The specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture advises this, although just the reverse is considered best when watering is done out of doors in the summer.

SWEET PEAS THE FAVORITE.

I want to tell you about the method that I have followed in growing sweet peas. I planted them early in the spring. I dug a ditch about eight inches deep, three inches wide and then I got some rich ground and filled the ditch up half full with this ground, and then planted the sweet peas about three times as thick as the seed is. And then when they are good out of the ground keep on heaping the ground around the peas. Keep on do-



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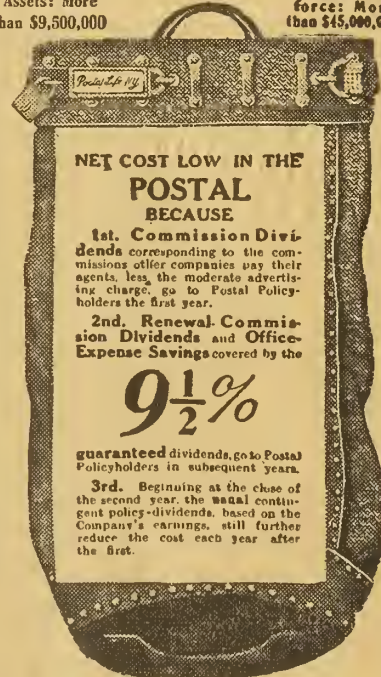
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ing this until the ditch is a little more than level. Then get a wire netting and string it up so that the sweet peas can climb on. Keep the weeds out until they get so big that you cannot pull them any more. On hot days water them when it is almost dusk outside. Let the peas climb as tall as they can, and if you want them to bloom a long time, pick them every other day. Mine bloomed all summer and grew to be about eight feet tall, and some of the stems had five blossoms on. I also got first prize at the county fair. The people said that they were the prettiest and best peas they ever saw.—Miss Gertrude Ickler, Oregon.

ROSES.

By Margaret M. Mann, Colorado.

Whatever one may grow in the way of flowers, no collection is complete without roses. There is such a number of varieties it is difficult to decide just which ones we do want most. The hardy hybrid perpetuals are the most easily cared for, and every garden should have a few. The everblooming roses give beautiful flowers all through the summer and I prefer to make my largest planting of them.

Roses should not be planted too early. Unless one can cover them on cold nights and windy days they are sure to be injured. Having selected a sunny, well-drained location, it should be spaded deep. A very liberal application of fine well-rotted manure should be incorporated into the soil and the whole raked until it is fine and free from lumps. If the soil has poor natural drainage, it will pay to remove all the soil to a depth of eighteen inches, put in rocks or broken crockery for drainage and replace the soil.

If one is not quite sure of the best varieties to plant, the selection can be safely left to a reputable florist, who will know the varieties best suited to any particular locality. Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, Richmond, Wm. R. Smith, and Perle Des Jardines are my favorites, though I grow a great many varieties. When the plants arrive, they should not be planted out at once, but should lie in warm water for at least two hours to freshen up. Set them in the evening, shade and water just like an ordinary cabbage plant and they are almost sure to grow.

I prefer to use one-year-old plants, as I get good strong bushes from them as soon as from the two-year-old plants. They are cheaper, also, quite an important consideration with most of us.

Roses are easily rooted, from cuttings. In October select well ripened cuttings about eight inches long. Place them in good mellow garden soil, with one leaf bud above ground. Several cuttings can be placed closely together and a glass jar invested over them. Leave the jar over them until they are nicely leaved out in the spring.

Everblooming roses are a little difficult to winter and various methods are employed for protecting them. Whatever method is employed one should always remember the roots are most important. I have seen roses nicely wrapped in burlap, with two or three inches left bare at the base, and the roots wholly unprotected. The owner was surprised of course when the roses were found dead in the spring. If the dirt had been hilled up around the plant or a mulching banked about it, the protection would have been complete. Another mistake

frequently made is to cover too much and the roses are smothered.

Small roses are easily bent over and I wrap mine in burlap first, then bank them well and lay them, placing a rock on the tip to hold them there. The large ones are simply wrapped and banked. In the spring all broken or superfluous branches should be removed with garden shears.

THE WINTER WINDOW GARDEN.

After several years' experience in floriculture I have found that the tender greenhouse plants may live through the winter in the ordinary windows, but the cyclamen, hyacinth and Chinese sacred lily can be depended upon to bloom. The cyclamen and hyacinth will bloom in a lower temperature than other plants that are worth growing. The hyacinth bloom will last for about three weeks from one bulb; for a succession plant the bulbs at intervals of three weeks from the middle of October until Christmas. Pot the bulbs in light, rich soil, place in the dark for five or six weeks for the roots to form, then gradually bring to the light and sunshine. The large Dutch hyacinth is the showiest of all, but there is nothing sweeter than the little Roman hyacinth, and the feathery blooms of the white are exquisite for cutting, and these are not nearly so expensive as the Dutch sorts.

The cyclamen I find a grand winter bloomer, blooming from December until May, and I have counted as many as fifty buds and full-blown flowers at one time from a two and three year old bulb. The one-year-old bulb will hardly give you any flowers the first year, but they give you a profusion of flowers until the fourth year, then new bulbs form around the old one. I grow these from seed, sowing seed in the spring and growing in my pit until blooming size. For the beginner it is best to procure the bulbs ready potted from the florist, or, if ordered, pot in light, rich soil, using one-fourth sand, and leaving the crown of the bulb above the soil. Keep moist, but not too wet, and if allowed to become too dry the buds will blight.

The Chinese sacred lily, like the hyacinth, covers a very short blooming period, and must be planted in succession for a continuous bloom. I have had them to make a very rank growth and bloom in three weeks after planting. I place the bulb in a shallow glass dish, place pebbles around it and fill with water, and then place the dish on a mantle, over a grate and near a window, and here they grow almost like Jack's bean stalk.—Laura Jones, Kentucky.

GROWING THE CACTUS.

I have had success with many kinds of flowers, but none are so interesting to me as the cacti. I now have more than twenty varieties, and they are curious as well as beautiful.

At this writing the Christmas cactus is surely a thing of beauty. The specimen I have is nearly three feet across and has hundreds of bright, pendulous flowers and long pointed buds. The flowers are cerise-red and of a waxy texture. Those who have never seen this plant in bloom have a rare treat in store for them. My Thanksgiving cactus is still in bloom, and is much like the Christmas cactus, only the flowers have a white stripe through each petal.

Have had the "night blooming Cereus" that was eight feet high and six feet across, with flowers of lovely white and six inches across. They are the largest phyllocactus that I know of. It was a

pleasant surprise this past summer when the ugly old pincushion shot out a stem six inches long and had the most beautiful flower—bright pink, double and waxy, with white stamens.

The star cactus has brown, ill-smelling blossoms that looked as though they were carved of wood.

I give all my pot plants a mixture of sand, woods earth and open-lot fertilizer, with good drainage.

I have grown many flowers more pleasing to my sense of sight and smell, but none that were so interesting as the cacti, or that gave so many surprises.—Nancy J. Havens, Louisiana.

FLOWERS BOUGHT TO BE ENJOYED.

Some women are able to keep flowers a week in presentable condition. They simply give the flowers care. To begin with, the water in which the flowers are put should be fresh. The stems should be cut off a quarter of an inch when the flowers are received and then another quarter of an inch each day. In the case of roses, a little salt should be put in the water. The flowers should spend the night in a moderately cool room, which has been aired just before they are put in it.

It would be better for the flowers, of course, if they need never stay in a close, overheated room. But the flowers are bought to enjoy, and if they are removed from the living or drawing room as soon as it gets comfortably warm—to be sure, they will last longer, but, on the other hand, they will be enjoyed much less.

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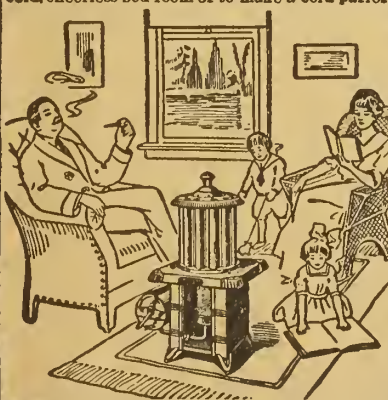
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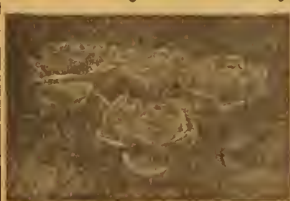
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Winter Care of Geraniums—Clyde H. Edgar,
Michigan—Plants that have grown outdoors
through the summer can be taken up with
plenty of soil, stripped of most of their leaves,
and with about two-thirds of growth cut back,
placed in boxes in the cellar where the tempera-
ture would remain between 50 and 60 de-
grees; an occasional watering then is all that
is needed. The remaining stubs will induce a
well-branched plant, and they should be set
out as soon as the ground is warm to stay
warm.

Leaves for Identification—Miss L. N. Smith,
Connecticut—The leaves you send are not rec-
ognized as plants of any particular value, al-
though the little clippings may not reveal the
identity of the plant. The plants having come
up, as you say, with a planting of pansy seed,
gives some reason to believe that the plants are
hardly worthy of cultivation. If either of the
plants bear any resemblance to the description
given by the seedsman from whom you received
the little special packet of seed, you might cor-
respond with him.

Poultry Manure as Fertilizer—Mrs. Raymond
Smith, New York—Poultry manure may be con-
sidered a complete fertilizer and can be used in
the garden on all garden crops. It should be
worked well into the soil, however. Many
people believe that it is better than the high-
grade complete commercial fertilizers, the rea-
son for this being that the nitrogen exists in a
readily available form. The best one can do
for the garden is to apply ground bone in the
fall and winter or very early spring and then
use well-rotted cow manure through the grow-
ing season.

Palm Leaves Drying at Tips—Myron M. Jen-
kins, Iowa—One or more of three causes are
generally responsible for the tips of palm
leaves drying up. One cause is a sudden change
in temperature, when plants are exposed to
cold. Another, when the soil for the plant has
dried out at the roots. And the third cause is
overwatering the plant when it is not making
any particular growth. Palms in the winter
should be kept warm, the soil simply damp to
the touch, and the changes in the temperature
avoided. It is just as well that the plant be
kept out of direct sunlight.

Growing Easter Lilies—Mrs. Julia Collett,
Ohio—The general directions for growing Easter
Lilies (Lilium Longiflorum or Ilarissii) are to
secure the bulbs in the fall, pot them like any
other bulb and then set the pots where roots
will be made and where the frost will not hurt
them. When well rooted bring the plants to
light and a fairly cool temperature, keeping the
soil evenly moist. The only trick in growing
the lilies is to exactly gauge the time to begin
the forcing operations and to so control condi-
tions that the bulbs may be brought into flower
at the desired time. It seems that experience
alone will teach this.

Long-Stemmed Hyacinth Flowers—Mrs. J. G.
Herington, Georgia—One can sometimes induce
the more dwarf hyacinths to produce long stems
by forcing them in a way. If your hyacinths
seem to show that they will be short and
stumpy, place a tumbler over the bulb just
as soon as the flower stalks develop, and then
set in a warm place. A moisture forms in the
glass and forces the growth of the flower stem.
As the stem grows change from a tumbler to a
jar, and then to a quart jar. It is as-
sumed that all understand that the bulbs should
first go through the process of rooting, and
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hyacinths have been kept for several weeks in a
dark, cool place and that they have made
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Poultry Notes

VARIETY OF FOOD MAKES HENS LAY MORE OFTEN.

By J. G. Halpin, of University of Wisconsin.

Variety of feed is what fills the winter egg basket. Corn three times a day as a rule builds up fatty tissues, makes hens lazy and reduces profit.

Animal food, ground food and a generous supply of green stuff produced the best results for laying fowls.

The exercise so needful for poultry can be provided in winter by working the grain ration well into the litter of fresh straw that should be provided as a carpet on the feeding floors. A good variety of grain should be provided, some corn, wheat, oats and barley mixed together, or fed alternately, makes a satisfactory ration.

A grain ration for winter use that has given good results at the experiment station farm consists of two parts corn, two parts wheat, one part oats and one part barley.

It is recommended that the ground feed be placed in a small mash box or trough where the hen can have ready access to it. The following mixture of ground feeds is considered to be quite satisfactory: One hundred pounds bran, 100 pounds middlings, 100 pounds ground corn, 50 pounds malt sprouts, 50 pounds meat scraps, and sufficient salt. During the fall and winter about 25 pounds of oil meal should be added to this mixture. Where these feeds cannot be had, others of a like nature may be substituted, the main idea in all instances

being to get a wide variety for the flock.

Buttermilk and odds and ends from the kitchen, and such green food as cabbage, alfalfa, silage and turnips are great aids to egg production. Not only more eggs, but eggs rich in protein and high in vitality with firm shells are likely to result where proper thought is given to feeding systems.

ESSENTIALS THAT COST POULTRYMEN BIG SUMS.

Today there are thousands of pullets that should be laying which are a dead loss to their owners because one or more of the main essentials have been neglected. All over the country the expert can detect poultry buildings constructed poorly, too many fowls in a flock for quarters given them, underfed, which means slow maturity; too late hatched stock, weak stock, lice, infested fowls, unclean quarters, old fowls and young in one flock and a hundred other essentials, all of which cut a figure, all known to the experienced poultry raiser, but new to the beginner, in spite of the advice given in the poultry columns from time to time.

Pullets properly hatched from good stock and grown well, housed well, fed well, are the ones that are shelling out the eggs on the present high-priced market.

The other failures border on the other extreme—too much money invested in the plant, needless expenditures for poultry buildings with fine fixtures, etc.; reckless business methods. These go quickly to the wall, just as in any other line of business. There is no get-rich-quick system in poultry, but a good living. The net earnings depend absolutely on the management in all departments.

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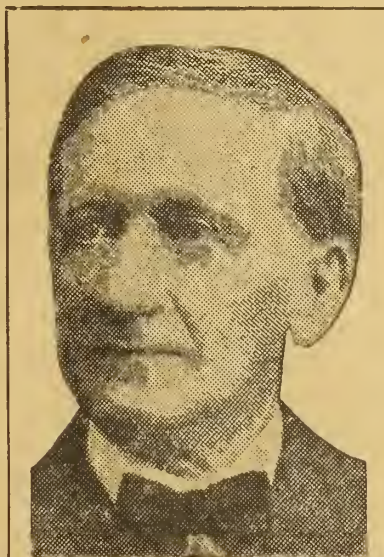
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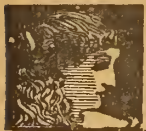


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Sand Tarts—Beat one cupful of butter and one cupful of sugar to a cream; add three eggs, two tablespoonfuls of water, flour enough to roll out and half a teaspoonful of baking powder. Roll thin and they will be nice and crisp. If put in a tin box they will keep fresh for a long time. Blanched almonds and currants may be sprinkled on top or nuts cut up fine.—San Francisco Call.

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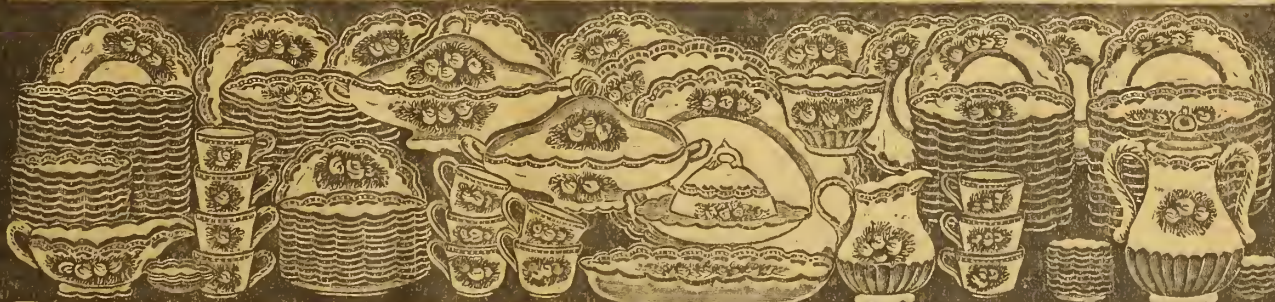
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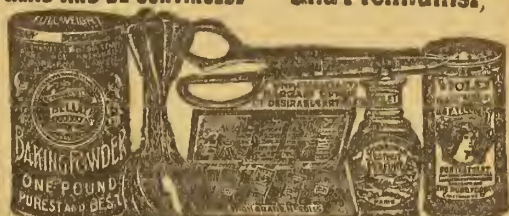
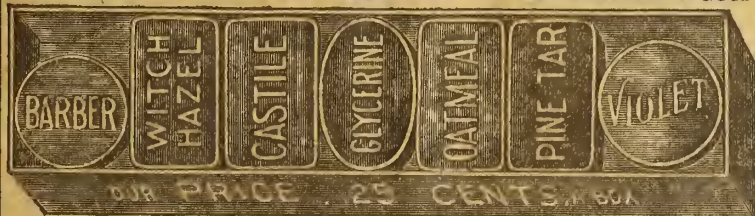
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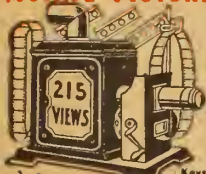
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ROBIN'S NEW YEAR.

On the snowy branch of the holly bush
A gay little redbreast sings;
"Happy New Year to all, to all," says he,
Oh! loudly his greeting rings.
And in the warm nursery way high up,
From the window pane looks down
A dear little girl with sunshiny hair
And a boy with eyes so brown.

To robin they call, "Ho, ho, little bird,
Why sing so gaily, pray?
The snow is so deep, the wind is so keen,
You'll freeze with the cold today."
"Icicles hang on the mistletoe bough
And snow on the meadow lies,
But I fear not the cold this New Year's morn,"
The brave little bird replies.

"For God he is good, and God he is love,
He made the land and the sea;
And the God that sees when the sparrows fall
Will also take care of me."
Then he eats with a thankful heart the crumbs
That the small white hands let fall,
And sings from his swing in holly bush,
"Happy New Year to all, to all!"

With each New Year there comes to every loyal Christian the old inquiry, "How can I make the new year better than the old?" If we desire this improvement in ourselves for the sake of humanity, then the whole question resolves itself into this, "How can I help to make the world a little better during this new year?"

We must be willing first of all, to build up even what others have torn down. We must be willing to repair what others have broken. It is so easy to throw off responsibility, with the argument of childhood, "I won't shut the door, because I did not leave it open; I don't take that obstruction from the path, because I did not put it there; I won't mend the gate because I did not break it." Winter cuts down the grasses and flowers of all the earth. Summer lifts them up again into life and beauty. Shall the summer say, "It is not mine to grow the flowers again. Winter destroyed them; shall not winter he left to restore what winter has devastated?" But all the voices of nature laugh in the face of summer and say, "You have surely forgotten what winter is and what summer is sent to do." The Christian is the world's summer. The true Sunshiner is the world's summer. His mission is to grow flowers if possible, in the very desert of life. His mission is to turn the dark places into light. To take love, sympathy and kindness into the places where these are never known. To lift up those who are down, to encourage those who are discouraged; to send cheer into the sick-room; bind up the wounds of the broken-hearted; assist the aged ones to see that the work has not been in vain and that yet they are needed in the world. The living Christian, wherever he abides, is the living message of the gospel of the Son of God, irradiating kindness, witnessing to the truth, dispensing clarity, performing with zest and happiness the daily round of duty,

exercising the functions of religion as a joyful privilege, and finding the greatest good of life in helping others. Let us not leave these things to others to do, or put off doing for the lack of time, but let each one of us do as sunshiners, a little each day to help our fellow-men. It may be small but small things count and all go to make up the great things. If we can not give our dollars, then give our pennies. Thine shall be a Happy New Year, oh, dear friends if thou wilt commence this plan now and keep it throughout the year.

TO SUNSHINERS AND READERS.

We invite our readers to send for a membership-card to our Sunshine Corner. We ask you to send out cheer to the persons mentioned each month in our paper. To do what you can, we ask no more.

We wish more young persons would organize Sunshine Clubs under our Household Journal Branch. Send to us for membership-blank. Elect your officers, and decide when to hold your meetings. You can give markets, sales, etc., to raise money for your work. Help the ones mentioned in the Journal and do as much local work among the sick and poor as you can. We ask our members to take the Journal so as to keep in touch with the work.

TO SHUT-INS.

We want to bring cheer to the worthy shut-ins, but if you have never been on our list for cheer, we must ask you to send a written reference from your minister or doctor. State plainly your sickness and also if you are worthy and needy. Please do not ask for money.

DUES FOR 1915.

In our November issue we mentioned the fact that we would ask members to contribute some piece of fancy-work as dues for the coming year. We believe this would mean a great deal more work for us in collecting and acknowledging these articles, besides from a sanitary point of view we believe this will not do, so we withdraw the request, and ask each one to give to the Emergency Fund as they can, in stamps or money. And help each case as they are able, just as they have been doing in the past. You can help us very much by telling your friends about the mendets we have for sale, which mend granite, tin, copper, rubber, etc. In this way we may be able to assist many worthy cases.

You can make fancy articles for your own "Sunshine Box" and have ready to answer calls from the shut-ins when needed for their sales.

WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

One of the best ways to forget our own discomforts is to hunt up some one worse off than we are, and help him.

Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating what is noble and loving in another man.—Thomas Hughes.

Mrs. J. N. Vaughn, of Strother, Mo., asks the Sunshiners not to forget her. She appreciates letters, cards and silk pieces.

Cheer is asked for Miss Annie Vinson, of Margerun, Ala., as she is a cripple. Cards, letters or little gifts would bring Sunshine to her. She is 18 years old.

Mrs. Emma White, of Logansport, Ind., R. 4, is confined to her home on account of weak heart action. Cards and letters of good cheer will be much appreciated.

Miss Fannie B. Leeson, 200 South Swain Street, Raleigh, N. C., asks for cheer. Even a stamp would be appreciated, as she likes to write. Please do not forget her.

Quilt pieces and cheery cards and letters are wanted for Mrs. Margaret Wise, of Boaz, Ala., R. F. D. 1. She is a shut-in and has recently been bereaved of a sister and two nieces.

Mrs. Judson Mason, of Aspen, Va., is worthy of help from the Sunshiners, as she has a sick husband and several small children to support. She would appreciate any help from the Sunshiners.

The name of Mrs. Bessie Martin, of Marshall, Mo., Thomas and Grant Streets, comes to us. She has been very ill and will probably be a shut-in the rest of her life. Aid is asked for her and her five children.

Miss Callie D. Barefoot, Four Oaks, N. C., R. F. D. 2, has been a helpless sufferer for nearly thirty years from rheumatism. Her brother James has also had it for about as many years. They are very poor and ask for cheer.

Miss Minnie J. Pingree, Denmark, Maine, writes that she is all discouraged. She is ill and no one to help her. Has just buried a brother, whom she needed. She sells rose-bead chains for \$2.00, made from rose leaves which she picked.

Miss Alice Brown is a shut-in who is now with her sister in Ann Arbor, Mich., 1010 Catherine Street. She asked to be remembered at Christmas, but the request came too late, so we ask that you send her cheer this month and through the year. She has only what friends give her.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lightcap, Linfield, Pa., Montgomery County, will be 80 years old on January 3, 1915. She suffers much; has had two strokes. She lives in two rooms and has no support but that which friends send her. Every little material cheer would be a great help to her in her need.

If any one has a nice worsted dark dress which they think some shut-in could use, please let us know, as we have a call for one. The lady is five feet five inches tall, and her size of bust is 38 inches. She needs it very much. If you will write to me I will send the address where to send it. Please do not send to us.

APPRECIATION.

Miss Jennie Spencer, of Campbell, N. C., R. F. D. 1, is a needy shut-in who wishes to thank all who have sent her letters and cards. In good weather she says she can crawl around the house. She tries to sew and knit, but it is little she is able to do. She asks Sunshiners not to forget her.

Mrs. Sadie A. Risley, of Picmont, N. H., is very thankful to all who have sent to her for fancy work. She is always glad for orders and any cheer. She does all kinds of fancy work, and will send price list to all who send stamp for reply. She has been helpless for years, but tries to help her husband make expenses.

Mrs. A. J. Brown, of 35 Garfield Street, Laconia, N. H., is always grateful for orders for her beautiful book marks. She is a wheel-chair shut-in and makes her living by selling book marks. These are made out of good satin ribbon, and on them are printed verses from the Bible, quotations and poems. Nice for birthday gifts. She will send nice samples for 25 cents. Her prices are from 10 to 25 cents each.

Miss Ann Curtis, Maryville, Mo., care of County Home, wishes to thank one and all who have brought Sunshine to her. She appreciates the box of fancy articles sent to her by a Sunshiner and she has sold nearly all. It has been a ray of light out of a dark sky, in her declining years. She is so appreciative for everything. She wants to make enough money to buy a grave, so she will not have to be laid in the potters' field.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank each one who sent such pretty and useful gifts for our Birthday Wonder Bag, also for the many cards and good wishes. We hope in time to acknowledge each one, but on account of serious illness of our mother and father, we have had to postpone doing this. We regret the delay, but know if each one knew just how we have been worried and what it means to be at the bedside of loved ones, they will appreciate what we have been undergoing.

SUNSHINER GONE BEYOND.

Since asking for cheer for Mrs. E. K. Goldthwaites, of Townsend, Mass., we have received the word that she has passed into the Eternal Sunshine. We feel that the sister who looked after her will see that the things sent to her will be acknowledged. She passed away before the issue came from the publishers.

Mrs. Goldthwaites has been a helpless sufferer for a long time, yet always thinking of others. Another Sunshiner, Mrs. Milanthé Marsh, of Phelps, N. Y., passed away on November 11th. She was one of the oldest Sunshiners on our list. She was 102 years old last January. Her name was written in a number of Birthday Booklets in the January list, so please correct when you read this.



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Aunt Jane's Page

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The world with a background of skies;
There were courage and grace in his beautiful
face,
And hope in his glorious eye.

"I come from Time's boundless forever,"
He said, with a voice like a song.

"I come as a friend to endeavor,
I come as a foe to all wrong;
To the sad and afraid I bring promise of aid,
And the weak I will gird and make strong.

"I bring you more blessings than terrors,
I bring you more sunshine than gloom,
I tear out your page of old errors,
And hide them away in Time's tomb.
I reach you clean hands, and lead on to the
lands
Where the lilies of peace are in bloom."

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

About kitchen tools

There seems to be no method in the way a woman buys kitchen tools. She picks up a strainer here, a saucepan there and a pitcher yonder, without considering the buying points of each before she purchases.

Will it be easy to wash and cleanse this tool? No tool is a labor saver which takes longer to wash than the time it saves over the old method. Of two equally good tools, the one having the fewer parts and requiring the less complex washing should be chosen. Some meat choppers are extremely difficult to cleanse and also allow the juices to escape on the kitchen table. A better chopper has a food compartment in two sections to allow easy cleansing and a gutter to retain the juices.

Complicated egg whips, devices which the manufacturer urges will do 57 different kinds of things, from opening bottles and currying lemons, to peeling potatoes, even if they do all that is claimed for them are so difficult to clean that it is preferable to do without them altogether.

All seams and cracks in utensils harbor dirt, grease and food particles. They also add to the difficulty of washing that utensil. Nothing could be harder to cleanse than the ordinary seamed muffin pan, yet the hemispherical pans—all in one smooth mold—cost no more.

A delicious fruit dessert

Here is a delicious preparation of fruits and gelatin. Take six large, ripe bananas and rub them through a sieve until they form a pulp; mix with a teacup of powdered sugar and beat smooth. Then mix in with them a full pint of whipped cream, sweetened. Lastly pour in a package of gelatin previously dissolved in a pint of boiling water. In extremely warm weather the quantity of water may be lessened. Flavor with a drop or two of vanilla and a squeeze of lemon. Line a mold with berries, slices of banana or both, and pour the mixture in. When stiff and ready for serving cover the top with sweetened whipped cream and garnish with berries.

Candied fruit rinds

Home-candied lemon and orange rind are better for fruit cake and mincemeat than any which can be bought, and, too, the latter is always expensive. Clean out the inside of the rinds and boil in clear water until tender, drain, and boil in a syrup until transparent; drain, and

roll in sugar. If the orange peel is cut into strips like straws and candied this way it makes a most delicious sweetmeat. The syrup in which the orange rind was candied may be saved and used in pudding sauce. The yellow rind of lemons which have been used for lemonade should be grated and mixed with sugar to be used as flavoring. The peelings from peaches, provided they have been washed, make admirable marmalade and good jelly, though not stiff. Watermelon rind may be spiced or preserved.

Stuffed eggs

Halves of stuffed eggs set in aspic are good eating. Have as many patty tins as there are halves of eggs. Barely cover the bottom of each tin with liquid aspic and lay in one of the egg halves, cut side down. Fit a thin piece of cold ham around this so that it will serve as a background for the egg when reversed. A few bits of smoked salmon can be used in the same way. Cover with the remaining jelly, cool thoroughly and turn each on to a lettuce leaf. If the patty tins are wet when the first layer of aspic is poured in the mold will turn out in perfect shape. The pastry cases for holding eggs in aspic should be of plain crust and not of puff paste. The crust is shaped over inverted patty tins and pricked to prevent irregular rising during baking.

Helpful hints

When hands are chapped and the pores open, fingers stain easily from potatoes or in wringing out any soiled cloth as in mopping. Before such work is to be done rub the palms of the hands over with lard. While it is uncomfortable while working, the saving of fingers with stains in the pores will be worth the inconvenience.

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Household Helps

Edited by Aunt Jane.

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Within my arms I held her then—
She was a child—it was not wrong,
Since then seems not so very long.

Now she is twenty—to be holder
I ought, since I am so much older
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Candy and dolls I used to bring,
And get a kiss for everything;
And yet for naught would turn back
This havoc of the almanac.

As childish gifts are out of place,
I match the roses on her face:
"So you remember?" "Yes," said she,
"That you were then so kind to me."

At once I grew discreetly wise;
Some words I spoke lit up her eyes.
I put them bravely. Well, what then?
Within my arms she drops again!

SCOTCH PLAIDS.

Scotch plaids are fashionable for children. Real little kilt suits of woolen cloth in the plaids of the different clans are shown for small boys. Scotch plaid silk is used for trimming coats and frocks for little girls. And for the very small girl there are little velvet hoods of Scotch plaid velvet, with a ruching about the face of fine plaided lace and with silk strings that tie under the chin.

PRETTY PILLOW.

An attractive sofa pillow observed had a design of a basket of roses, the basket being of dark blue cotton in tapestry stitch, and the roses in English art work. The latter were of shaded red and pink. The padded leaves were of two shades of green, while the stems were worked in mixed brown and green in long slating stitches.

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TO COLOR GLOVES.

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TO CLEAN BUCKSKIN.

Here is an excellent recipe for cleaning white buckskin and white canvas shoes. To a pint of gasoline add ten cents' worth of pipe clay. (Get it at any drug store.) Shake well before using and apply with a small sponge. Let shoes stand a few moments until dry and then brush lightly with a clean whisk broom. The amount will last for a long time and is many times cheaper than the preparations sold by dealers and will not injure your shoes.

FISH CURRY.

A fish curry is delicious. You fry one tablespoonful of chopped onion in one tablespoonful of butter and add one small teaspoonful of curry powder. You pour over this a stock made from fish-bones, about one cup and a half of milk or cream. Then you rub together a tablespoonful each of flour and butter and stir into the hot mixture. When smooth you add to it about one pound of any cold, flaked fish. Gently simmer for a few minutes; then serve.

MUTTON BROTH.

Three pounds mutton from the neck, two parts cold water, three tablespoons rice or barley, one teaspoon salt. Wipe the meat, remove the skin and fat, and cut the meat into small pieces. Put into the kettle with bones, and cover with the water. Heat gradually to the boiling point and season with salt and with pepper if liked. Cook slowly until the meat is tender, strain, and remove the fat. Reheat to boiling point, add the rice or barley, and cook until the rice or barley is tender. If barley is used, soak it over night in cold water.

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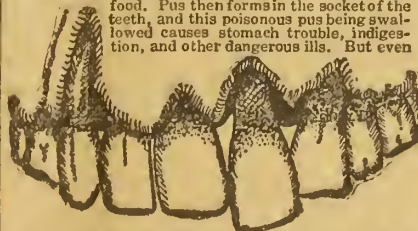
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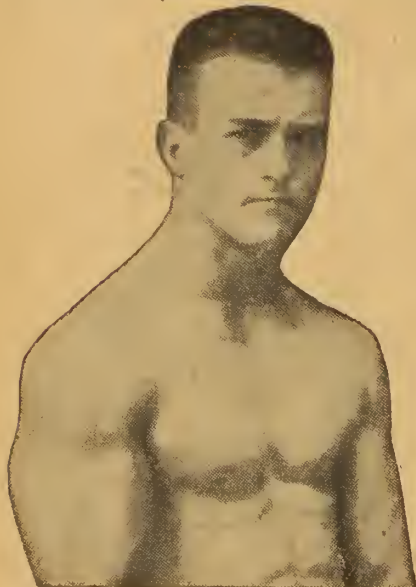
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The Widow from Muddy Creek

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The next day was Sunday, and he was sorry he could not accompany her to church. But how could he, when he had left his Sunday suit at home? The widow was glad of it, as she preferred keeping her treasure hidden from the rude gaze of the congregation or the admiring glances of the young ladies. He had sent home for his best clothes and horse and buggy, and when they came he proposed taking the widow out for a drive. She was not at all slow in accepting his invitation, for she did not intend to do any shilly-shallying. She knew from past experience how fickle men were, and believed in striking while the iron was hot. The ride, of course, was very enjoyable, and as they met many of her friends on the road the news was spread about before the week was over that the new carpenter, or barn-builder, was courting the widow Jenkins.

A distant cousin was to have visited them, but as she was a young and pretty girl, the widow decided it would not be safe to have such a rival in the house, as carpenters were only mortal, like the rest of mankind, and she wrote requesting Beeky to defer her visit until later in the season, as they had company in the spare room.

The barn grew into a thing of beauty, and in between-times Dave courted the widow and did other useful things about the house. On rainy evenings he made some rustic seats for the porch and under beech-trees, put up shelves innumerable, made ladders for the sweet-peas, shelled peas, carried wood and water, helped with the churning, and made himself so useful in every way that the old aunt declared he was just the man they needed, and if Miranda was fool enough to let such a chance go she'd marry him herself.

The barn was finished at last, and still he lingered to put a few shingles on the roof of the house, a picket in the front fence, a nail or two in the pigsty, until at last he could invent no more excuses for staying longer, until the widow, taking pity on him, invited him to stay and help with the haying. After that season of delight was over he sadly took his departure for home, promising the widow to come back later on for the camp-meeting.

At home a lot of barn-building awaited him, but somehow he had lost his interest in barns; but he managed to live through the rest of the summer until the time drew near for the camp-meeting to be held, then one day he drove off in all the glory of a new suit, straw hat and fine horse and buggy, and dazzled the widow with his magnificence.

She in the meantime had thrown away the last remnant of her widow's weeds, and had replenished her wardrobe, and as they drove over to the camp-meeting they were the cynosure of all eyes.

After the sermon and dinner they went for a stroll in the woods, and gathered flowers, and mint to stick in the butter to keep the flies away. After a time they sat down on an old log, and David took the widow's hand, and asked her if she could give that and her heart into his keeping—he'd be proud to have her share his house and land, and his fame as a barn-builder.

She simpered and blushed—as much as she could through her paint and powder—and said she would if Aunt Jane did

not object; but David would not take "nay" for an answer, and taking a plain gold ring from his pocket, slipped it on her finger, and his arm around her waist—but I refrain from telling a curious world the rest.

When the widow drove home from camp-meeting with her prize it was arranged that they were to be married during the fall. And who can blame him if he went back to his barn-building with renewed courage? But "the course of true love never did run smooth," and poor David's little mustard-seed of a love-affair was no exception, for when the farm-hand heard of the engagement he was very angry, as he had not calculated on "that saphead of a barn-builder" marrying the widow—he had allowed to marry her and her farm himself. He told his troubles and news of the engagements to the loungers around the postoffice, and they made up a plot to break up the match by circulating a report all over the neighborhood that Miranda Jenkins' fellow had deserted a wife and five children.

When it reached the widow's ears she was furious, and sat down and wrote him a letter denouncing him in strong terms. When poor David received it he was heartbroken, and thought it just what he might have expected. He never did have any luck with the girls, and now, just when he was congratulating himself on catching a widow, it was almost too hard for human nature to bear. He wrote, telling her not to believe all the lies the gossips were telling about him, that jealousy was at the bottom of it all—they were only envious of their happiness. She had best send some one to his home to investigate. His old neighbors who had known him from his childhood could tell her he was a hard-working, God-fearing man of good character. He had never been the happy possessor of a wife and five children, nor had any notion of getting married until he met her. At the same time he could have had all the company he wanted, for the girls all liked him, but until he met her he had no desire to even look at them—girls were such trifling things.

After a few more letters had passed between them, the widow was finally convinced he was telling her the truth, and all was serene and lovely on the banks of Muddy Creek.

David's impatience finally got the better of him, and he hurried off to see the widow. When he reached the banks of Muddy Creek it was impossible for either man or beast to cross it, and he stood in a drenching rain, looking with despairing eyes across its raging waters at the mansion on the bluff holding his loved one. She finally saw him, and hurried down as near as she could in safety, and shouted some words of cheer to him.

In the meantime he wrote a note, asking her to marry him as soon as he could find a minister to tie the knot—that neither cold, heat, floods nor lies could separate them; to wait for him on the bank of the creek. And tying the note and a big stone in his pocket-handkerchief, he threw it across the stream to her, where it landed at her feet.

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persuaded the husband and father to accompany David, and they themselves went along as witnesses. The trio arrayed themselves in waterproof and rubbers, and started for the scene of the wedding.

The minister's daughter walked with David, and as she was pretty and agreeable he was almost sorry when their destination was reached. But the widow and her aunt were waiting for them on the opposite bank, and the ceremony was gone through somehow, with bride and groom shouting their responses above the angry roar of the waters, a prayer from the minister, and the minister's wife and daughter singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the ceremony was over.

The minister, after congratulating him, and having the cockles of his heart warmed by a crisp ten-dollar bill snugly tucked in his vest-pocket, offered to help him construct some sort of raft, and their combined efforts finally got it afloat. After the effort of his life David at last reached the opposite shore, but he was amply rewarded, for he won the widow.

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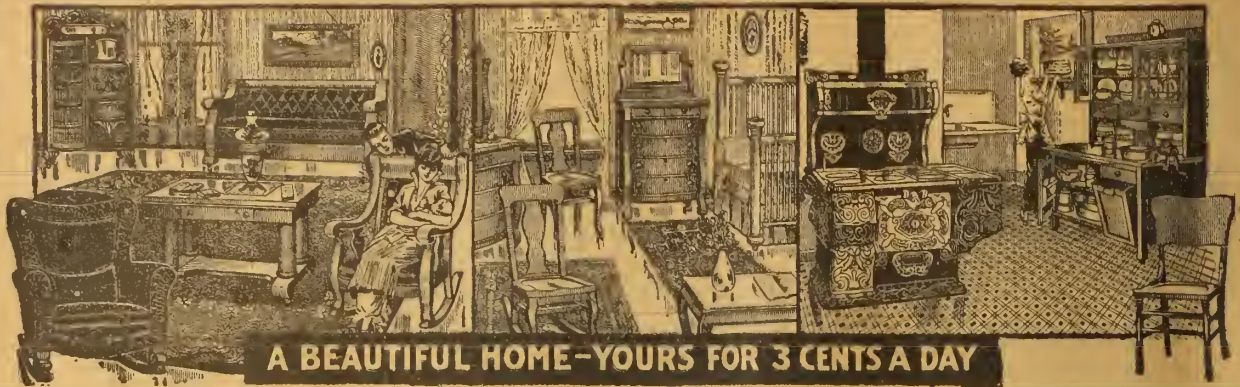
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The Angel of the Home

She does not make any fuss about it, nor ask to have a reporter at her elbow. But her sunny heart of self-forgetting love will not let her hands be at rest while there is any bit of helpful service she can render. If she can without observation slip the burnt roll or under crust on her plate, it is done. If some one must stay at home when there is a day's outing, she tells, with music in every tone, how glad she will be to be left quietly behind and have time all to herself to do over so many things she has in mind. And none suspect from word or tone how great the sacrifice to give up the pleasure.

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The Unchangeable

The world is full of change. Storms and tempests, earthquakes and convulsions, work their changes. Mighty elements and tremendous forces struggle for the mastery and rage in their fury, working desolation on every hand. But amid all these changes there is one unchangeable Rock; there is one in whom there is no variability nor shadow of turning. Everything that man trusts in fails him; everything that man rests on totters and shakes, but they that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever.

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The mind can scarcely grasp the "bigness" of the great flower gardens prepared for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to be held at San Francisco, California, next year. Think of one plot of sixty-five acres set with over 700,000 golden-flowered plants, occupying/sunken gardens at the main entrance, facing the Tower of Jewels and in the Courts of Palms and Flowers. Then there will be 27,000 yellow wall-flowers, and an equal number of Spanish golden iris, looking out upon the Palace of Horticulture. The Tower Plaza has been planted with 200,000 yellow pansies, 100,000 yellow daffodils and 100,000 golden poppies. In the Court of Flowers are 250,000 golden poppies, 100,000 daffodils and 50,000 golden tulips. It is planned to keep the grounds alive with blooming plants during the entire ten months of the exposition by replacing the first settings with other flowers as they finish their life.

The Fairies of Leaf River

By HENRY BOGGS

"NOW, here's your ticket, pa, and don't forget to change cars at Howard City. You'd better buy a paper on the train, so you'll have something to pass away the time. You know you have to lay over two hours. Here, let me straighten your tie; it's all hunched up."

Mrs. Jonathan Joyce stooped down and fixed her father's black neckscarf with nervous fingers. She was nearly a foot taller than the old man.

"As for the trouble you and Jonathan had over my shoes, forget all about it, do," she continued. "They wasn't worth fussin' over, but Jonathan's hot-headed."

"They wasn't worth mendin'," said the old man, with the stubborn wag of the head and unyielding accent of age. "No, they wasn't worth mendin'," he continued. "I told you so. They wasn't worth the wax-end it would 'a' took to hold 'em."

"Anyhow, they wasn't worth all the trouble they made," repeated the woman. "Don't go to holdin' it up 'gainst Jonathan, and remember, father, you're goin' to come and see us ever' time you feel like it. 'Tain't like bein' a long ways off."

The old man shook his head persistently and mumbled to himself.

"Ever'thing'll be nice there. You ain't no ide' how pretty it is, pa. I'd like livin' there myself. You'll be all taken up with it, I know. The grounds is all set out to posies, and you'll be a sight better off there than here. We have t' pinch here, and canive to get along; even have to wear old shoes." She said this with a little accent of reproof.

The old man moved away from her impatiently. He hobbled on his old crooked cane to the far end of the platform, then came hobbling back.

"There ain't no use makin' excuses," he said; "there ain't no use." And he drew his shaggy gray chin down with a jerk among the folds of the light-colored calico shirt his daughter had freshly ironed for this journey. "I'm old; that's the whole story in a nut-shell. I'm old and no good, so I'm bundled off to the Soldiers' Home. I've outlived my usefulness, that's the sum of the matter. Better tell the truth, Lorinda, not try to patch it up with lies. I'm real glad your ma's dead, Lorinda; yes, I am. Don't try to tell me the old man lies, daughter. There's no need of excuses."

He hobbled out to the track and looked for the coming train. He could see the curling smoke of it in the distance.

"That's the way it always is when a body outlives their usefulness," he mumbled to himself; "they're cast aside like them old shoes o' Lorinda's. Tell Jonathan," he said, coming back to where the woman stood, her bare, hard hands clasped nervously, and a pained expression in her eyes, "tell 'im I wish 'im much joy."

The train came steaming and puffing up to the platform. It stopped, and the brakeman called "All aboard!" The old man turned back with his hand on the

railing and motioned to the woman to come close. His voice was still hard, but it was low.

"Lorinda," he said, "don't let it die out. Would you mind waterin' it, say once in two days, 'til it gits firm rooted? I want that white rose to blossom for her. I'm afraid it'll die out 'thout it's tended." Then he clambered up to the door and passed inside and did not look back again.

Lorinda's hands were clinched till the nails were white. She thought of the little mound scarcely a year old that the rose bush grew above, and baby Emmeline, taken away on her fifth birthday. She stood like one riveted to the spot till the train began to puff and pull past her and crept away down the track, leaving only a trail of smoke behind and a dull ache in her heart.

"Well, it's best, anyway," she mused. "He'll have comforts. It's best f'r him." Then she went around and untied the horses from the hitching post.

Grandfather Jackson sat stiffly down upon one of the plush-covered car seats and looked out of the window and felt the rhythmic sway and jerk of the great iron monster, the clanking of whose powerful jaws was bearing him relentlessly past each familiar landmark, although invisible hands seemed outstretched from even the grass of the fields, clinging to hold him.

"I'm too old t' patch shoes," he repeated, with pathetic stolidity, as the click-t-clack of passing rails grew oftener and louder. "I'm too old."

He leaned back against the cushioned rim of his seat and turned his face toward the window. On and on the train bore him. Field after field, a glorious blending of colors, whirled past and out of sight. He knew them all, and mechanically his lips named them as they passed—Dave Wheeler's field of prize rye, bending its long, silvery heads in the sun; Mr. Beecher's thrifty acres of young corn—"It's big 'nough to hide a rabbit this minute," he mused. "They say corn that's big 'nough to hide a rabbit by the Fourth of July is a promisin' piece."

Farm house after farm house came and went—homes where there was ever a ready chair for Grandfather Jackson.

"I believe in bein' neighborly," he said. "There ain't no harm done smokin' a friendly pipe with anybody." He wagged his head in an aggrieved way as he thought how his son-in-law, Jonathan Joyce, had called him "worse'n an old woman to gossip." "I don't care. I wouldn't be so close-mouthed and set up as Jonathan," persisted the old man. "S'pose I'd better 'a' set by in that stuffy, drafty shop patchin' shoes! There ain't nothin' worse f'r rheumatiz an' stiff j'int. I'm seventy years old an' past," he muttered, bitterly. "Jest bundled off 'cause I'm too old to work."

He leaned his gray head over nearer the window.

"I've patched Jonathan's shoes twice this winter, an' bought all my terbaccy

with patchin' money from the neighbors, an' land knows how many times I've patched Lorinda's! The way she whittles holes in 'em beats me. When I was young the women folks went barefooted to do their scuffin'. Seems 's if she's scuffed 'em faster since little Emmeline died. Seems 's if she's been harder on the old man since little Emmeline died," he repeated. "It's soured her disposition."

Then they came to the long line of willows that parted now and then to show the old man in the car window a glimpse of the gurgling, crooked river that wriggled in and out among the brown trunks.

"There ain't no place that beats Leaf river f'r trout fishin'," he mused. "They probably won't 'low fishin' there."

His hard hands closed tight about the knotty handles of his cane.

"Jonathan never had no luck fishin'," his thoughts kept on. "It used to rile him clean up t' see the fish makin' a beeline f'r my hook, 's if they knowed. Specially trout." Grandfather Jackson chuckled a painful little chuckle that drifted out into a long-drawn breath and finally terminated in a half sob.

Leaf river swept out of sight, and the last graceful willow waved good-by to the old man. He craned his neck to watch it as long as he could. The train whistled and they passed a crossing; then houses, a church spire and a few lettered store fronts whizzed past. The brakeman came in and called "Howard City," and the train began to slacken speed and then stopped. Here was where Grandfather Jackson was to change cars. He took his worn valise, the lunch box Lorinda had carefully tied with pink twine, and his every-day straw hat down from the parcel basket, and went out.

The little town was not altogether strange. He had been there once, years ago, to a soldiers' reunion. He looked about for a friendly face as he stepped off on the little dusty platform, but there was only the sallow-faced ticket agent with his black skull cap and a cross-looking man holding fast to a timid little girl who had descended the steps before him.

He stopped a moment to study the glaring red poster that decorated the building's front, then went inside. It was a stuffy little waiting room, with the ticket window in one side and the water tank with its delusive lettering in the corner, beguiling many a weary traveler to hover in vain expectancy about its rusty faucet. A wooden bench, painted brown, encircling the wall sufficed for seats. Grandfather Jackson scarcely dared trust his rheumatic figure to the sharp curves of it.

He went over to the window and looked up the narrow little street and read the signs that lettered the white store fronts, and counted the teams tied along to the hitching posts.

"That fur one looks like Dave Wheeler's sorrels," he mused.

Then he went over to the opposite window; that window looked toward Leaf river.

"ain't two miles up yonder," he reflected.

There was a wistful look in his eyes, and he tried to draw his chin into firm lines. He took a little tin box from his pocket and opened it and spilled a coiled-up fishing line and a collection of hooks out into his hand. He counted the hooks, and dropped them, one by one, back into the box and uncoiled all the long length of line and coiled it anew more firmly. Then he shut the box and looked at the cover. It was adorned with a gum picture, glued securely down—a stiff little bunch of white roses. She had given it to Grandfather Jackson, and had helped him fasten it on. He touched it with his knotty fingers and thought of a bare little mound where one tiny slip of a white-rose bush was planted. Would Lorinda forget to tend it?

Across the room sat the timid little girl, her tearful blue eyes riveted on the old man; a tiny mite in a faded pink calico dress and a dirty cotton hood much too small. When he turned around he saw her. She sat up stiff and straight on the bench, with her hands folded upon her lap and her short bare legs sticking out before her. Her little sun-burned cheeks were grimy with tears and dust.

"Poor little toad! poor little toad!" mused the old man. Something in the child's attitude touched his sympathetic heart. He watched her curiously. "She ain't much bigger'n little Emmeline was—not much," he mused.

The cross-looking man was walking back and forth on the platform outside. He came in and stooped over the little girl. She raised her eyes to him, fearfully.

"Tired?" he demanded.

The child shook her head.

"Hungry?"

The child looked wistful, but continued to answer in the negative.

"She's got grit," he muttered, as he straightened himself. "Well, you sit still; I'll be back after a little; I'm going up the street a bit."

He went out on the platform. The child's appealing eyes plead with Grandpa Jackson. He hobbled after the man. "I'll find out," he mused, with an old-wise shake of the head. "I'll find out."

The stranger had paused to look lazily up the street. The old man went close.

"Say, is that child yours, sir?" he questioned, with the innocence of old age. "I was thinkin' I'd like to give 'er a cooky if you don't mind. They're home-made; my daughter Lorinda baked 'em fresh f'r my lunch. I've got more'n I need. 'Twon't hurt 'er."

The man laughed out loud.

"Hurt 'er? Well, I should say not. Give 'er all you want to. I don't s'pose she's had any too many."

"Did you say she was your'n?" persisted the old man, quizzically.

"Mine?" The stranger laughed again. "I should say not. She don't belong to any one that I can find out, and nobody wants her. She'll belong to the state to-night, when I get her up to Cold Water. She's bound for the Orphans' Home."

Grandfather Jackson's breath came in sharp gasps. "Did you say you was bundlin' her off to the Orphans' Home?" he repeated, vaguely.

"That's the place. Great institution that. More than a hundred homeless waifs ther now. This one's mother just died this spring. Her father's dead and her sister's dead."

"Yes, and little Emmeline's dead," finished Grandfather Jackson.

The stranger had moved away down the platform. He watched him a minute and then went inside. The child seemed pleased. She smiled faintly to see him. He went over and untied the pink twine that secured his lunch box, and took one of Lorinda's raisin cookies from the top. "She used t' call the raisins bugs," he mused. He took it close to where the child sat.

"Don't the little girl want one o' gran-pa's nice raisin cookies?" he said, and held it out to her in his rough, horny hand, and smiled and nodded. "There, that's a lady, that's a lady," he encouraged her, as she reached up her hand shyly to take it. "Course all little girls like cookies."

He sat down and watched her eat it. "Thought so. Hungry's a bear, poor little toad!" he mused, with a satisfied nod.

She devoured the cooky to the very last bite, saving the raisin till the last. Grandfather chuckled to see that. "Jest like little Emmeline used to, f'r all the world," he mumbled. When she had finished he reached over and patted her pink frock sympathetically.

"The little girl ain't afraid o' gran-pa,

HER VALENTINE

Behind the curtain in the window's bay,

There where the hyacinths upon the sill

Woo the pale February sun to fill

Each tinted calyx with the warmth of May,

Stood Marguerite, and from a letter took

A crimson rose, whose perfume opulent

Chilled with despair the hyacinths that bent

With deference till every petal shook.

And to the flower there elung, with love-knot

Tied,

A tiny scroll, on which were fairly writ

Some lines of love, or poesy, or wit,

Or all; for, as she read, no art could hide

The flush that fleeting pallor oft replaced,

Naught could suppress the heaving of her

breast,

Or lull the quiver of her lips to rest.

And these the words that on the page were

trailed:

"Go to my love, dear rose, and say, and say,

How fair her image grows from day to day!

Tell her from me, with thy sweet breath, the

last,

How firmly Cupid's chain has bound me fast.

Tell her, sweet rose, oh, whisper in her ear,

A thousand messages of hope and fear;

All the rich incense of thy life bestow

On lips that rival thee in garnet glow.

Do this, my rose, and thy brief span shall be

Not all in vain; I will remember thee

Above all others of thy name and kin,

And her heart, too, shall fondly take thee in."

is she? Jest come over here and set on

gran-pa's knee and tell what your name

is."

He drew her shrinking little body near

and lifted it up.

"Don't weigh more'n a pint o' cider all

drunked up," he said. "Now let me see;

is it Jennie 'r Lily 'r Bessie 'r—it ain't

Emmeline, is it?" he questioned.

She laughed. "No, it ain't; it's Daisy,"

she said.

Then he told her all about Emmeline

and the white-rose bush, and showed her

the gum picture on the cover of his tin

box.

She looked sympathetic, and cuddled

down on his arm. "How big was she?"

she asked.

"Well, I should say she was jest about

as big as you," he told her, thoughtfully.

"Jest your size to a T." Then he told

her about Lorinda's shoes and the Sol-

diers' Home. Lastly he told her about

Leaf river. "Come on over here and I'll

show you jest about where it is," he

said. He led her over to the window and

lifted her up. "See that green line 'way

off 'g'in the sky?"

She nodded her head.

"It goes bubblin' an' talkin' to itself down there under the trees. It's so clear a little girl like you could jest see 'er pretty face in it. I've jest 'imagined there's where fairies come t' comb their hair by moonlight."

The child lifted her wide eyes to him.

"It seems when I lay there on the grass an' shet my eyes I can hear 'em jest playin' harps an' singin' up among them willer trees. Mebbe if we'd walk up there t' the top o' that hill yunder we could see the willers a-wavin'. Mebbe we could."

"And the fairies?" questioned the child.

"Yes; an' I shouldn't wonder if we'd find four-leaved clovers up there in the grass, t' wish by. Ever braid a clover chain, little Daisy?"

She shook her head.

"Never did? Well, well! Come on; we'll go up this minute. Tell you what, we'll take our lunch, and we'll eat it up there by 'n' by."

They went out together, the old man and the little girl. It was not far, and a little gnarly maple spread a flickering shadow on the grass. Clovers were everywhere. They sat down side by side.

"Looky! Look 'way off yonder," said the old man. "We can see 'em wavin', sure enough!"

The child's eyes stared wonderingly. "Where's the fairies?" she said.

"Mebbe we ought to be a mite closter," reasoned Grandfather Jackson. "Say as fur as that big ellum over the fence. Fairies is powerful hard to see."

They went on until they came to the elm. The old man lifted her to his shoulder, that she might see better. There was only the silvery sheen of the distant willows and the blue haze of the skies.

"Mebbe we'd best try to find four-leaved clovers first, t' wish by," he suggested.

They sat down and searched through the grass, both equally eager. The little girl found the first one.

"See!" she cried. "See! Now what shall I do?"

"Now jest put it up to your lips, and wish, and don't tell; and then pull each one of the four leaves and throw one to the north and one to the south and one to the east and one to the west, then your wish will come true, I shouldn't wonder," he explained.

She did as he directed. "Now mustn't I tell?" she questioned.

"No, for if you do the old witch woman'll hear an' make a big wind come an' blow your leaves all away where the fairies can't find 'em."

The child laid her head over on grandfather's knee. "Tell me about the fairies," she said. "Why do they comb their hair by moonlight?"

"They sleep through the day," explained the old man. "They don't come out when the sun shines; they're afraid it'll burn their complexions," he chuckled, gaily.

"An' faires sometimes comes an' carries people away off, don't they? Could they carry away a little girl as big as me?" The child looked at Grandfather Jackson wistfully. "Fairies won't never come 'there,'" she said, sadly.

His arms tightened about her. "Poor little toad! poor little toad!" he mumbled. "Fairies won't never come 'there' neither, dearie."

She clasped her arms about his knee. "Need we go?" she said.

He drew her up in his arms. "Shall gran-pa tell you all about a fairy named Silver Hair?" he asked. She listened,

and he stroked her yellow hair and told her all about a tiny fairy who lived all her lifelong in the golden heart of a water lily.

Her little form lay limp in Grandfather Jackson's lap. He watched her blue eyes close slowly. Then she opened them for a moment and put her arms about his neck. "Put your ear down," she said; "I'll whisper it jest to you. I wished a real, true fairy'd come an' carry me away an' hide me. I wished she'd take you, too, grandpa. Hide us both so we wouldn't have to go." Her little arms fell down again and her eyes closed.

The old man's wrinkled hand stroked her red cheek. A little sigh escaped her sleeping lips. "Poor little chicken! poor little blessed lamb!" said the old man. He scarcely stirred lest he should awaken her. When he held her fast asleep he looked about him restlessly. The little brown station was out of sight. To his right were the glaring roofs of the village, and to his left, away off there, were the willows. The roofs seemed repelling to him, the willows seemed beckoning. He looked down at the little bare feet and thought of Lorinda's shoes; then he thought of an empty wooden crib in Lorinda's bedroom, and a tiny mound whose sod was not a year old.

The sleeping child's lips moved wearily. Grandfather Jackson listened. "Do you s'pose it'll come true? Will the fairies hide me?" she said.

Just then a train whistled in the distance. A look of anguish shot across the old man's face. He folded the little form to himself tenderly and staggered to his feet. He stood a moment looking about undecided, then he moved forward, but it was not toward the brown station.

"It shall come true, dearie," he whispered in her ear. "The fairies'll hide you an' gran'pa both. I see 'em beckonin'; yes, I see 'em. The fairies is goin' t' hide us, dearie." He trudged slowly along over the grassy roadside.

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Lorinda put the fried ham and the warmed-up potatoes on the table; then she called Jonathan. They were having a late supper. Somehow things had gone wrong all day. Jonathan came stolidly in and took his place at the head of the table, and Lorinda sank down in her chair with a sigh, and began pouring the tea. Neither of them looked toward Grandfather Jackson's empty place, but both were painfully conscious of it.

There were two empty places at the table now—one where a little high chair had been drawn a year ago. They both saw, too, the wilted bouquet of wild pinks the old man had brought in for the table the night before. Lorinda hadn't the heart to throw them out.

"I'm glad they have flowers there," she mused, bitterly. "He'd miss 'em."

After the chores were finished and the supper work cleared away Jonathan came in and sat down in his rocker, with his back to Grandfather Jackson's big cushioned one, and looked absently up and down the fashion column of their farm magazine.

Lorinda came in and took off her dish apron and sat down in her little sewing rocker and rocked. She hadn't any heart to read. She was too restless to sew. She glanced up to the old man's empty pipe on the clock shelf, and flushed up to the roots of her hair when she saw Jonathan eyeing her.

"I was just wondering if you had wound the clock," she said.

How still it was in the great room! A dog down in the road whined dismally, and the wind moaned with a sad little sound in the elms outside. The squeak of Jonathan's rocker was almost unbearable. She stood it as long as she could. "Do turn your chair straight, Jonathan," she said, impatiently. "It sets me on edge."

The big tabby cat that had been Grandfather Jackson's pet came in and jumped up in his chair and looked about lonesomely. It went over and put its paws up in Lorinda's lap and mewed with questioning accent.

"Poor kitty!" she said, sympathetically; "poor kitty!" and reached out her hand to caress it. "Want some milk?" And the cat followed her into the kitchen.

She went and stood in the open door and watched the lightning bugs flickering along the roadside.

"I wonder if he is content?" she mused, regretfully. She heard the bullfrogs croaking down in the hollow. "I wish I knew," her thoughts went on; then she heard the low rumble of wheels. The sound came nearer, and the fireflies flickered faster down the road. The sound ceased, and the horses were at the gate. Lorinda waited, and put her hand to her eyes trying to make out the figures that moved slowly up the path.

"Dave Wheeler, is that you?" she called. She thought the wheels had sounded familiar.

"Yes, it's me, Mis' Joyce."

"An' it's me," put in a quavering voice that set Lorinda's heart beating wildly.

"Father!" she cried; "not you, Father Jackson!" She strained her eyes through the darkness.

"Yes, me, Lorinda; an' here, here, I've got somethin' for ye, daughter!"

She had stepped out on the porch and held her arms forth gladly to welcome him. "Shut y'r eyes, Lorinda! shut y'r eyes!"

he cried, with childish excitement. "Hold y'r arms stidy now. There, now open 'em." He gave over the burden of Daisy's sleeping body, and the tired child's head fell over on the woman's bosom. "It's little Emmeline," he said; "I fetched little Emmeline!"

Lorinda's arms grew weak—so weak she almost let the child fall. "Father!" she gasped, then she clasped the little figure frantically and went inside.

Grandfather Jackson followed chuckling. "See how pleased she is! Didn't I know it would please 'er? Didn't I say 'twas jest a-losin' little Emmeline that had soured 'er disposition?"

"I found 'em both asleep like the two innocent babes they be," explained Dave Wheeler later. "You see, I jest stopped t' let my horses rest a bit in the shade of the willers down along Leaf river, and wandered down t' find a few sprays o' pep-mint f'r Nancy, when I stumbled right onto 'em an' took 'em in an' fetched 'em 'long home. The baby's slept all the way, an' gran'pa's held 'er in 'is arms lest the joltin' 'ud wake 'er."

"She's the pictur' o' little Emmeline, ain't she, daughter—just the very pictur'?" questioned Grandfather Jackson, when the story had been brokenly told. Lorinda sat in her little chair, holding the child tenderly and rocking with wet eyes. "See how yell'er 'er hair is," said the old man.

Lorinda stooped and kissed the golden head passionately. It roused the little sleeper. She opened her blue eyes and looked up into the woman's face wonderingly. The pink lips parted, smiling.

"Oh, you're the fairy," she said. "You've come t' hide me, ain't you—me and gran'pa?" She closed her eyes again and snuggled down close to Lorinda's heaving breast.

"I'm goin' t' mend your shoes, Lorinda; I'm goin' t' mend 'em in the mornin'," said the old man.



Falling in Love with Sam's Grandmother

By MATTIE DYER BRITTS

"My dear fellow, I am really glad to see you!" It was a handsome young man who spoke the words to another, who had just leaped lightly from the train at a neat country village not a thousand miles from—well, no matter where. "It does me good to see you, dear old boy. I didn't half think you would come."

"You can't be more delighted to see me than I am to be here, Sam. Why didn't you think I would come? I wrote you I would."

"Oh, yes; but fancy what you had to—Where's your luggage, Jack?"

"Right here. A big telescope and my gun case; you said you had some good shooting about these woods."

"Yes, we have that! Come, bundle the traps right into the buggy, and we'll be off. I dare say Mime has had supper waiting this half hour."

"Up you go, then." Jack Cameron tossed his things into the back of the low buggy, took a seat beside Sam, who already sat holding his lines, and they were off down the smooth road to Woodside, the pretty place two miles from town where Sam Dermott lived with his old-maid sister, since the death of their father left them the owners of land and property.

"Explain yourself, old man," said Jack,

turning to his friend, as they bowled along. "Why did you imagine I would not come?"

"Oh, you were spending your vacation at your brother Tom's, and they had a lot of pretty girls there, and so—"

"Just stop right now, Sam; that is the identical reason I ran away."

"What, from the girls?"

"Exactly. Tom's wife is a regular little match maker, as you know. She had those girls out partly with that very idea—thinks it is time I was settled, and all that, you see. I got so fearfully tired of their dressing and flirting and making eyes at a fellow, and talking as if butter wouldn't melt in their mouths—ah, bah! It makes me sick now! Don't you ever believe I was going to stay there, when I could be out here with you and Miss Mime—not much!"

Sam threw back his head and gave a hearty laugh.

"Mighty glad we are to get you on any terms, Jack, lad; but aren't you a trifle hard on the girls? They are not all like that."

"Well, most of them are. I'm sick of the whole business. Haven't got a girl waiting for me here, have you? I'll go straight back if you have."

"Then I wouldn't tell you if there was

one. But no, there isn't a female soul on the place except sister Jemima and her cook and housemaid, nor very many in the near neighborhood."

"Sure you have not a few coming for a little visit?"

"No, not expecting any. Oh, yes, Mime did get a letter from our respected grandmother saying she might drop in on us this week. Nobody else, I assure you."

"Drive on, then. We will let the good grandma come if she wants to. She won't interfere with our shooting and fishing. I'm content to stay as long as you'll let me, Sam."

"Then you won't go back to the city grind in a hurry, tell you that! Get up, Dan! Show your heels to our friend, can't you? He's a little dandy, Jack! Cost me a cool two hundred, and I wouldn't look at three for him any day."

The girls were quite forgotten in Sam's pet pony, and before they reached Woodside Jack's face had entirely lost its tired look of disgust with the world in general. Miss Jemima (or Mime, as she was usually called) was standing on the front veranda to welcome them and bid them hasten to get ready for supper, or her nice hot rolls would be spoiled.

They were soon seated at her hospitable board, and Jack did full justice not only to the rolls, but the fragrant coffee, rich cream, fresh home-cured ham and eggs, and all the other dainty dishes in which Miss Mime's heart delighted. After supper they paid a visit to the stables before dark, and laid plans for a drive to Flat Rock on a fishing trip next day. Two or three similar days flew rapidly by, Jack declaring he would not exchange the good times he was having with Sam for all the girls in the world. Four days after he came Sam was obliged to go to a neighboring town on a bit of law business—he had to be a witness in a land suit for another man—and Jack, not caring to put through a dull day in a country court, intended to spend the time hunting in the woods around the farm.

While they sat at breakfast, or rather as they were rising from the table, a telegram was handed to Sam, which he hastily read, and gave an exclamation of vexation.

"Now, hang it all!" said he, "I've got to go on this troublesome case, and here's a message from grandmother—she will be at Hartville this afternoon, and wants me to come over and meet her there."

"Oh, is grandmother coming today?" asked Mime, stopping in the door on her way to the kitchen.

"So this says; and what to do I don't know, unless you will go over, Mime?"

"Can't I go?" put in Jack. "I am at the service of the venerable lady for any length of time, and of course as she is old, and not apt to be very strong, she must not be left alone at a strange place. I'll go for you, Sam, with pleasure."

Sam had turned to Jack with a queer expression on his face, and Miss Mime began to say:

"What? Grandmother? Oh, she's—"

But Sam hastily stepped up to her, said something in a low tone, and turned to his friend.

"The very thing, Jack! I do wish you would go. You can drive Dan to the buggy, and I'll take old Cob to the road cart."

"All right; I'll go. How shall I know the dear old lady? Can you describe her, as she will not know me, of course?"

Sam had his back turned and his voice sounded odd as he replied:

"Oh, the station agent at Hartville knows her. She often comes that way. He will show her to you. Be sure to take good care of her, Jack. Ha! ha!"

"To be sure I will. What are you laughing at, Sam?"

"Oh, only an idea that struck me—something about Donovan's case. Good-by, old boy. I'll be at home as early as possible. Don't forget to meet Grandmother Dermott. Good-by. Ha! ha! ha!"

Sam went out, leaving Jack wondering what tickled him so; but as he was not familiar with the Donovan case, of course it might be a very funny one.

At three o'clock that afternoon Jack drove up to the little dingy railroad station at Hartville, and hitched Dan to a convenient post. He drew out his watch, and glancing at it, observed:

"Not much time to spare! Train's due now, if Sam was right. Ah, there it comes! Where's that agent? Never mind him, anyway! If only one old lady gets off, I shall know it is Sam's grandmother without any introduction. I'd better be near; the dear old soul may need help to get off."

Jack gallantly drew very close to the train as it stopped, and stood waiting for his passenger. Half a dozen countrymen, two women with babies in their arms, and a fat colored woman, nobody else, except a slender girl in a stylish black suit, at whom even woman-hater Jack had to cast a second glance, she was so exceedingly pretty and attractive.

"Where's my old lady?" he said to himself. "Something must have happened, for she is certainly not here. I wonder why she did not come?"

But as she had not, he was about to go back to the buggy, when he saw the handsome girl standing near him with a perplexed look on her lovely face.

Jack stepped up, lifting his hat.

"Beg pardon, miss, but can I assist you? Are you looking for some one?"

The lady gave him a smile, and answered:

"Yes, I did expect some one to meet me from Woodside Farm, but no one is here. Are there any conveyances to be hired at this place, do you know?"

"I do not, indeed," returned Jack, astonished. "But I come from Woodside myself. I, too, expected to meet a lady who has not arrived—Mrs. Dermott."

The lady smiled again, and said, brightly:

"Oh, then we are all right! I am Mrs. Captain Dermott, and you must be the friend Sam wrote they were expecting from the city."

"I am Sam's friend, certainly, but—but—there is some mistake," stammered Jack. "I—I came to meet Sam's grandmother, a very old lady."

A merry little laugh was his answer.

"I think there is no mistake, Mr.—"

"Cameron," Jack barely had sense to supply.

"Thank you, Mr. Cameron; then I believe it is all right! I am Sam's grandmother, though perhaps not so old as might have been expected. Did you ever know that Captain Dermott was married only two years before his death? And I was not sorry, even if he was an old man, for he was so good to me," she added, honestly, a regretful look coming over her sweet face.

Jack made out to stammer again:

"I—I never heard. I did not—I was not—oh, excuse me, miss—madam, I mean—but I am really knocked off my pins, if you will forgive the slang, with

this surprise. I was prepared for a white-haired, feeble old lady, who would need help in getting off the train, but not—not this, you see!"

Another merry laugh from Mrs. Dermott.

"I wonder Sam or Mime did not tell you better. Why did not Sam come with you?"

"Had to go over to Cloverton on somebody's lawsuit. So I took his place. And really, Mrs. Dermott, I'm not always such a fool! Pardon me, and tell me where to find your baggage. I will see to having it sent out."

"Thank you. There is only one trunk. Here is the check."

She gave it to him, and he had presently engaged the wagon to bring it to the farm, had put her into the buggy, and was driving back to Woodside, for once in his life almost dumb. He simply could not talk, he was so provoked at himself for making so great a dunce of himself, and at Sam, whom he saw had played a clever trick on him.

"I know now what he laughed at this morning," he thought, savagely. "Oh, but I'll get even with him for this, if I have to be his grandfather to do it!"

When they stopped at the door, Mime came running out to meet them.

"You found her, did you?"

"Yes, I did, and I made a big fool of myself, Miss Mime, and I believe you and Sam planned it all, too!"

Then they all three broke into a laugh, and when Mrs. Dermott, after she had kissed Mime, held out her white hand and said, pleasantly, "But you mustn't be angry with me, Mr. Cameron, for I was as innocent as yourself. Shall we be friends?" he could do nothing but extend his own and say, humbly:

"It shall not be my fault if we are anything else, I don't care whose grandmother you are!"

But when he was alone with Sam that night, didn't Sam catch it?

"I declare, I never thought but what you knew," he said, when Jack would let him speak at all. "Grandfather Dermott married a young girl a few years before he died, and of course by law she is our grandmother."

"She don't look like a girl who would make that kind of a marriage," said Jack, thoughtfully.

"It was not 'that kind of a marriage' as you mean it. Grandfather was alone, and needed a woman's care and love. Cora gave it because she pitied him, much more than because she knew he would leave her a fortune when he died. She's a lovely woman, and might have made several good matches since grandfather went, but she wouldn't listen to them. Jack, it's my opinion that she'd suit you to a dot."

"Perhaps I wouldn't suit her, though. Sam, when you saw I did not know this morning, why didn't you tell me?"

"Well, then, I must confess it struck me to carry out the joke, and let you find out for yourself, so I stopped Mime when she was going to tell. Don't be mad, old fellow."

"I won't promise; it depends. I'll tell you what I will do; if she don't say no, I'll pay you up by making myself your grandfather, Sam."

"Go in, Jack! Go in, and win!"

Jack did win, for the last letter Sam had from him was written while he was on his joyous wedding trip, and was signed "Your affectionate and happy grandfather."

A Rose Garden For the Nation's Capital

The American Rose Society is anxious to make as complete a collection of out-of-door roses as possible, and invites all rose lovers to contribute rare varieties.

THE American Rose Society last year completed arrangements to co-operate with the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing a rose garden at the nation's capital. This garden is to contain as complete a collection of roses as will grow out of doors in this section of America. The society is furnishing the roses, while the department has set aside two acres of ground at its Arlington farm for the garden, which will be under the direction of federal horticultural specialists. The farm is in Virginia, just across the Potomac from the city of Washington and convenient to the Washington-Virginia trolley line.

The garden already contains about 320 varieties of roses, but there are many hundred kinds not yet included, and eventually the site can accommodate as many as 2,000 varieties if they can be secured. The garden is already laid out and makes an interesting show place for visitors to Washington. The roses are arranged as far as possible according to parentage. Teas and hybrid teas, for instance, have a bed to themselves, as do hybrid perpetuals. As far as is practicable, roses are arranged according to color. Arbors are being planned to increase the attractiveness of the garden, and these will be in place next spring. A fence six feet high, on which climbing roses will grow, is to surround the garden. The walks are of turf, and the plan has been to use a different kind of grass in making each walk. There will be rose canopies on the corners and at the entrances. A summer house will stand at the most commanding point where a view of the whole collection may be obtained, as well as of the Capitol, the Washington Monument, the old Lee Mansion at Arlington and the wireless towers at Radio, Virginia. Seats are to be provided. The garden will be free to visitors.

Any grower of roses who thinks he may have roses not already in the national collection has been invited by the American Rose Society to contribute a sample plant. Correspondence concerning such plants should be sent to Mr. Alexander Cumming, Jr., of Cromwell, Connecticut, who is chairman of the so-

ciety's Committee on Gardens. Either Mr. Cumming or the Department of Agriculture will supply a plan of the garden and a list of varieties already grown to the interested rosarian who applies for them.

The membership of the American Rose Society is made up about equally of amateurs and professionals. The society is particularly anxious to include in its membership all small growers, and applications for membership should be sent to Mr. B. Hammond, Beacon, New York.

The society is responsible for naming

an application for one in Minneapolis, where roses that thrive in more northern climates will be placed to show what will succeed in those less favorable locations.

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Mr. A. Van Vliet, that great horticulturist who built the famed rose and tulip gardens of the Hague Peace Palace, in spite of the war cloud that hovers over his own country of gardens, has come to San Francisco to build, as a setting for

the Netherlands Building, the most wonderful example of formal gardening that has ever been seen in America.

Mr. Van Vliet is enthusiastic about California. "It is better than Holland, the country of gardens, for the building of gardens. Here things grow without being asked," he quaintly says of local soil and climate.

An out-of-doors man, shrewd, blue-eyed, enthusiastic about his art, which has carried him to remote places and taught him the garden lore of two lands, England and Holland, Van Vliet is a typical example of continental specialized learning. There is nothing about gardens, ancient and modern, or their planning, that the blonde Hollander does not know.

To San Francisco, with its ideal climate, he is bringing the finest examples of his skill. "My country," says Van Vliet, "is the country of gardens. I was born in the province of Boskopp, and grew up among the rose gardens that cover that province. That is why I became a builder of gardens.

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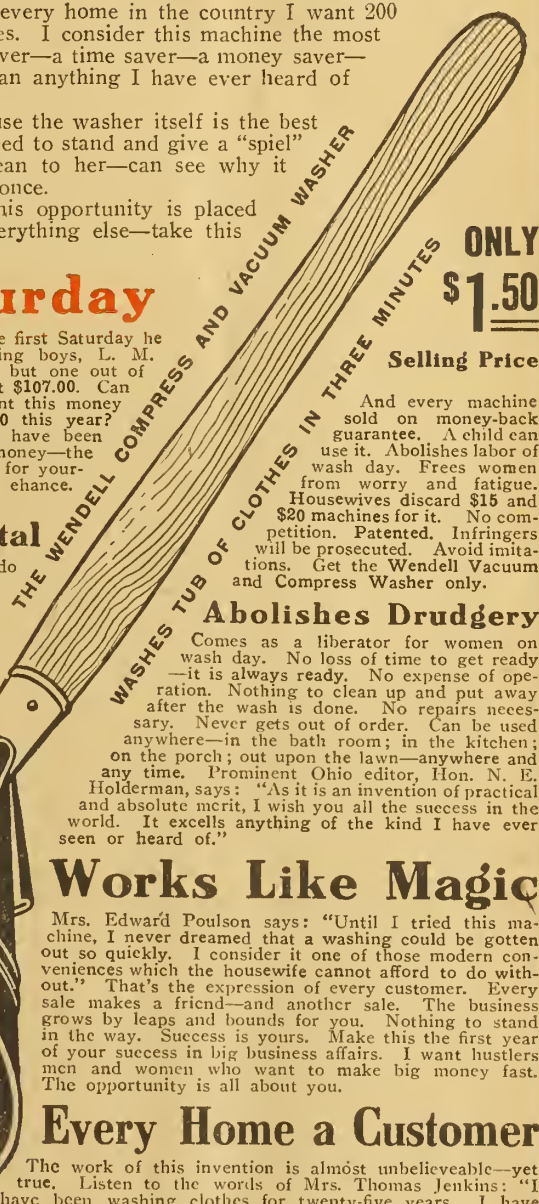
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and best bloomers for the winter window
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will grow and bloom under a lower tem-
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from the florist at the start, that are sure
to bloom this winter. They can be had
ready potted from the florist at from fif-
teen to twenty-five cents. Or, if one or-
ders the dry bulbs through the mail, pot
them in rich soil, using about one-fourth
sand, and leaving the crown of the bulb
above the soil. Moisten the soil and they
will start almost immediately into growth
if the bulbs are sound. Do not overwater
or it is as bad to allow them to become
too dry, as it will cause the buds to blight.
I have had this to bloom in a north win-
dow, and in a hall for one month, but had
started it into growth in my pit under
glass. I do not believe it would make
growth and start the buds without the
sunlight. Any window where they get the
morning or afternoon sun will answer.

I have had one bulb for four years that
has bloomed profusely each year, but is
forming new bulbs this year. Last year
the flowers were not so numerous as the
year before, as I counted as many as fifty
buds and full-blown flowers at one time.

Each spring I plant the cyclamen seed
in tin tomato cans, place a pane of glass
over them, and in one month the tiny
leaves appear. These I grow throughout
the summer, fall and winter. There are
only a few flowers the first year, but the
second and third years they bloom pro-
fusely.—Laura Jones, Kentucky.

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plants containing from two or three plants
to one thousand plants in each shipment,
have been coming into the United States
at the rate of about 50 a day, according to
the Federal Horticultural Board. While
France sends us more nursery stock dur-
ing the year than all the other European
countries combined, during October and
November more ornamental plants have
come from Belgium than from all the
others combined.

The Belgian shipments come via Hol-
land, the territory where they originate
being on the Dutch border. The ship-
ments come largely to brokers in New
York City, who distribute them to indi-
viduals.

France, which sends us much of our
imported fruit stock, as well as ornamen-
tal trees, also continues to ship, the terri-
tory where these stocks originate being
west of the war zone.

SUCCESS WITH THE ASPARAGUS FERN.

I am a reader of the Household
Journal and thought I would write about
an Asparagus fern that I have been
very successful with. It grew so large
I thought that I had to transplant it, and
someone said if I did that it would die,
but I did it just the same and came out
victorious. I divided it in four different
parts, and put them in good, rich soil. I
put a little sand in with it and mixed it
thoroughly together and every one of
them grew. I did not water it very
often, but when I did water it I gave it
plenty. It grew fine and its a lovely
green, and often sends out long shoots
or sprouts. They have little thorns on
them. I keep them cut off, for I think
it grows better.—Mrs. Homer Olmsted,
Illinois.

BEAUTIFUL NICOTIANA.

I think the name is beautiful, and the
flowers look like beautiful stars. I know
of no other flower so truly star-shaped as
the sweet-scented "nicotiana." It is so
very easy to grow and will grow in any
kind of soil. I got a five-cent packet of
mixed nicotiana. They come in white,
purple and many shades of lavender.
Some are almost crimson, and some white



Beautiful Coleus

ones are a delicate pink underneath. I
started the seed indoors the last of March
in a common tomato can. I punched a
quarter-inch hole in the can and put a
layer of cinders (pebbles will do) in for
drainage. Then I put some soil mixed
with sand (one-fourth sand) on the cin-
ders until the can was nearly full, and
sprinkled the seed on top, pressed the seed
down lightly with a smaller can, and
watered them good. In a week or so
they sprouted and grew fine. In five or
six weeks I transplanted them to a small
soap box about five inches deep. I set
them four inches apart each way, and they
filled the box full by the time frost dis-
appeared. Then I set them in different
parts of the yard, and I found that those
in the less sunny locations did the best.
The hot sun causes the stars to close
during the heat of the day, and open up
again when the sun leaves their location.
On cloudy days they are open all day
and their perfume is delicious. They keep
nearly two weeks indoors when cut. I
gave all my neighbors lovely bouquets of
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GARDEN AND ORCHARD

THE BUYING OF FRUIT TREES.

By E. P. Sandsten, Colorado Ag. College

The commercial fruit grower, and the farmer fruit grower in particular, has suffered from careless buying of fruit trees from irresponsible tree dealers and agents. Many are induced to purchase because the trees are offered at a low price; so low, in fact, that the reputable nurserymen cannot afford to grow them and sell them at the price quoted. The difference in cost between first-class trees and culls is insignificant when we consider that the trees planted are to grow and produce fruit for a great number of years and that the first cost of the trees is the smallest item that we consider at the time during which the trees are supposed to be productive. Further, the irresponsible dealers and agents are apt to sell any kind of trees, regardless of the variety that is ordered. In other words, they are in the business for immediate gain and not for the future. They seldom appear in the same locality for more than one year.

When a farmer or fruit grower purchases fruit trees, he wants to be reasonably sure that the trees are first class and true to name. The fruit-growing industry has suffered more from wrong varieties and poor quality of trees planted than from any other source, and it is a sad fact that most of the orchards, commercial and otherwise, consist of a mixture of more or less worthless varieties.

The best tree for planting is a yearling one, straight and unbranched. It should have a well-developed root system and be free from crown-gall and other diseases which are apt to be transmitted to other trees in the orchard. While it is difficult for the average farmer to tell whether his trees are free from diseases or not, he can easily tell whether the roots have a clean appearance and free from gnarls or knots and hairy roots. Two and three year old trees should never be bought, as they are harder to start to grow and difficult to prune to a desirable shape, as the branches are already formed in the nursery, where they grow under crowded conditions. Yearling trees are easy to obtain. Fruit trees are sold by diameter, regardless of shape. In other words, size is the standard by which the nurseryman sells his trees, and when two or three year old trees are bought, they are headed to suit the nurseryman, but not always the grower.

RHUBARB—A PROFITABLE PLANT.

By Rose Abnett

I always find a ready sale for rhubarb, and it is not difficult to raise. Plant it in a warm, sunny location with sufficient slope to insure good drainage. It should be well plowed, pulverized, leveled and well fertilized. Set the plants in rows about four feet apart. One can raise rhubarb from the seed, but it requires

two years to become large enough to be useful. I prefer to get the roots either from former plantings or a reliable seed or nursery firm. Plant sets containing two or three buds to the crown. Set the roots straight, with the crown about two inches below the surface. Press the compost and soil, mixed half and half, to allow no air space around them. Surface cultivation is kept up until August, to conserve moisture. A liberal amount of moisture is necessary for rhubarb.

Upon the arrival of cold weather spread a coat of fresh manure free from weed or grass seed around the plants, and early in the spring work it into the soil. Cultivate at intervals through the summer. If the soil is kept damp, cool and rich the stalks will grow large and remain tender. Do not allow any plants to go to seed. Pick stalks regularly. Those on the outside are usually the ones to pull. The others look red and vigorous, but the leaves are smaller and rumped.

Rhubarb that is stunted or unproductive needs cultivation and fertilizer. Keep the soil loose, and do not allow the grass to grow and choke it out. It is almost impossible to use too much fertilizer.

When advisable to divide the bulbs, about the third year is best. Remove the soil to the depth of one foot or slightly more, and cut the crown with a sharp spade. It can then be easily removed and leave the other undisturbed.

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By Wesley Foster

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Treatment of Window Plants—Miss F. M. Harston, Illinois—Most of the trouble with window plants through the winter comes from gas and coal stoves. The slightest gas escaping from either will surely prove detrimental to nearly all plants. Moisture should be provided by setting pans of water on or near the stoves or in registers. One may not notice that it makes any particular difference, but it will mean the life of the winter garden. Moisture provided as above, or in some other way, and plenty of sunlight is all that the winter garden needs to make it a successful one.

Cutting Down Bulbous Plants—Mrs. F. W. Strathmore, Pennsylvania—There is always some danger in cutting back bulbous plants to the ground in the fall, if it is too early, for unless the foliage is allowed to ripen in a natural way there can be no formation of new bulbs, because the leaves are the manufacturing portions of the plant. Cutting off the flowers alone would be beneficial, because the production of the flower involves a certain loss of energy and vitality in the plant and in it is involved the process of seed production, and that means the concentrating of the nutrient elements for the benefit of the new generation at the expense of the old.

Treatment of Begonias—Mrs. S. D. Jennings, Pennsylvania—Your report on the begonias seems to indicate that you have been keeping them warm enough, and this would leave one to believe that the trouble was in the soil. Begonias like a loose soil, well enriched with well-rotted cow manure, and a soil that will easily drain itself, and drainage should further be provided with some rough material in the bottom of the pot. Fertilizers of all kinds should be avoided and a warm, moist temperature provided. If the plant is warm enough, plenty of water can be given it, but if not, simply enough should be given to water the roots thoroughly at times and not to keep the soil soggy.

Pandanus Utis—Mrs. E. A. Calvin, Texas—The screw pine requires good, strong light, other than direct sunlight, and a night temperature of 60 degrees. A frequent cause of failure is the result of overpotting and the consequent overwatering. Water must not be allowed to stand in the saucer or jardiniere, and the plants must not be repotted unless they are root-bound, and then they should be introduced to a pot only one size larger. The transplanting should be done when the plant is active. The addition of bone meal or other fertilizer is recommended. Examine for scale, and during the summer give the plant an abundance of water.

Growing Hedges Under Trees—Mrs. J. R. Regan, Illinois—While the writer notices some hedges which are doing fairly well and running directly under large trees, it is an exception rather than the rule. It is difficult to secure satisfactory results with hedges under trees, especially if they are greedy feeders, as the American elm and the maples. Generally it is necessary to produce some kind of ground cover in place of grass, specially prepared shady grass mixture or to plant the ground myrtle "Vina Minor." Sometimes applications of a complete fertilizer in the fall will be beneficial. Bone meal contains a large amount of phosphoric acid and can be applied to the ground at any time, as phosphatic fertilizers are not washed out by the rains.

Camellia Japonica—Mrs. E. J. Sears, Massachusetts—There is no particular reason for repotting the camellia at this time. It will make little growth through the winter, and although it may be pot-bound it really should not require repotting until the start of the growing season. One thing should be watched, however, and that is that the plants are kept cool, out of direct sunlight and the soil not allowed to dry out at any time; if it does, the buds will fall off. Watch this carefully, that the plants do not become dry and that the plants are kept in a cool place. An occasional syringing of the foliage will keep it clean. After the plant has flowered it would not make so much difference about the repotting, but at this time it might be injurious to the flowering buds.

Begonias Overpotted—Mrs. F. Thompson, Ohio—Inasmuch as the foliage of the begonia has lost its color and the plant is going back leads the writer to believe that it would be best to cut off the foliage completely or at least cut it off to one or two leaves that are just starting out, shake off all the soil and repot again in as small a pot as possible. The box in which

it is now planted is entirely too large and the soil retains too much moisture. In repotting use a light loam and with plenty of drainage provided and free from fertilizer. Keep the plant shaded for a number of weeks and it should come out all right again. The heavy old foliage on the plant is simply a drawback to repairing its condition and you can hardly hope to restore the plant to good condition while they remain.

Calcium Carbide—Leander Settles, Illinois—For root lice on chrysanthemums and such plants, common calcium carbide, obtainable at bicycle or motor supply shops, has been recommended. With a dible make holes in the soil close to the infested plant, drop an ounce or so of the calcium in and stop the hole with earth or a handful of sticky mud. Unless the soil is very dry it is not necessary to water the bed; only the calcium carbide achieves a more thorough fumigation underground if moisture is present in abundance. The growing plant is not poisoned by this gas. Theoretically the treatment kills off all wire worms, cutworms, beetles, etc., in the zone of hostilities. In actual practice some are always left alive. It is not unlikely that the lime itself together with carbide, under high pressure, makes the calcium carbide.

Growing Chinese Sacred Lilies—Geo. S. Williamson, California—One of the important points in growing Sacred Lilies is to start them in a cool room. Grown in a warm temperature, they will look well until the buds begin to show up well and then the buds will blast. Sacred Lilies are better grown in the kitchen or laundry than in the temperature of the living room. Otherwise these bulbs are easy to handle when grown in imported fiber, water or soil.

Washing Rubber Plants—Mrs. Ellen Bradburn, Oklahoma—The use of oils and milk to improve the appearance of rubber plants is not to be recommended. Occasionally wiping the dust off the leaves with a damp cloth is sufficient. The soil for the plants should be kept evenly moist—not soggy at any time, especially during the cold weather, when the plant makes little growth.

Propagating Shrubs—Mrs. N. R. Hollenbeck, Arkansas—The propagation of the shrubs you name can be started in the fall. Select suitable pieces of new or substantial growths, and cut into six or eight inch lengths, with several good, healthy eyes or buds. These pieces should have a part of the older wood attached, and extending an inch or so above the union. Bundle the pieces together and bury them in soil in a frost-proof place until spring, when the ends will be sufficiently scarred and they may be rooted by planting each piece deeply in sharp, clean, moist sand. Allow one or two buds to appear on that small part of the cutting above the surface of the sand. This is very slow work, however, and as perfect two and three year old shrubs can be purchased from the nurserymen at very low prices, it would seem to one's advantage to try to propagate.

Growing Sweet Peas—Mrs. M. J. Boon, West Virginia—The important point in growing sweet peas is to plant the seed early in the spring. Just as soon as you can run a spading fork into the soil, work it over deeply in a trench. Work in a liberal amount of very old and decomposed manure, most thoroughly. Rotted cow manure is best. Spade the soil and rake it very fine. Lay two marking lines, two inches apart, and cut a double furrow the length of the trench, at least four inches deep. Then sow the seeds of the sweet peas thickly, say one-quarter of an inch or so apart. Cover with soil, and tramp same firmly with a board. A three or four foot width of three-inch galvanized wire poultry netting may be stretched tightly with stakes of one-by-two-inch spruce furring, pointed on one end and driven into the ground. Do this after the sprouts are through the ground, and train one row of the peas on either side of the wire.

Clematis Paniculata—O. E. Ulness, Illinois—The writer presumes your inquiry refers to the white clematis and not to any of the large flowering classes of the type of the blue flowering variety General Jackmanii. The white flowering sweet-scented clematis should always be cut back to the ground in the fall. While the old growth may not freeze back entirely, the bark of the stems cracks and the stems break in a way that will not keep up a new growth from the old stems throughout the season, and it is far better to induce a new growth from the ground. Don't have any fear that the plants will not start again. You will

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find they will start early and bear stronger than ever.

(2) Lily of the Valley and Pansies—The lily of the valley will not require protection, but the pansies should be well covered with boards and leaves, first with some rough material such as branches, cedar boughs or similar coarse cover, to allow circulation of air about the plants and to keep them from rotting or damping off.

Geraniums Doing Poorly—Mrs. Jess Price, Montana—The report on your geraniums would indicate that they are not potted in proper soil, and if anything, the soil is too light. The geranium will not be particular about soil and it does best when planted free from rich fertilizer. Ground that would grow good corn is plenty good enough and far better than the soil one would use for such plants as begonias, etc. Geraniums will stand severe pruning at this time, and if cut back to stubs twelve inches high, or cut back so the plants are well branched, soil removed from the roots completely and then repotted, placed in a cool, shaded position for a couple of weeks, the plants should start out with new life. Keep in mind that geraniums should not be watered too often. Give them a soaking and then allow the soil to dry out completely. Several days may intervene between waterings, depending on the temperature of the room in which the plants are kept. Remember also a temperature of 60 degrees is better for the geranium than 70 degrees.

(2) Begonia and Cereus—You can secure these plants from any of the catalogue houses advertising through the columns of this paper. Their fall books were ready for distribution September 1st and the new spring catalogues will be ready January 1st.

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Treatment of Roses—Mrs. J. R. McNeely, Wisconsin—During the time that your roses were potted and after which they were taken up in the fall, the exposure which you mention brought on the mildew. This disease will not necessarily be fatal to the plants, and if the worst-affected leaves are picked off and the plants then dusted with sulphur, treating the plants afterward just as you would under normal conditions, the disease will disappear in a few weeks. The plant may lose most of its foliage, and following this for two or three weeks give the plants a rest. Withhold water and hold the plants in a somewhat cool temperature.

(2) Otaheite Orange—The leaves falling from the orange will probably be caused by the plant being held in too cool a temperature. Remember, it is of tropical nature and one cannot keep it too warm. If any sign of disease is shown, please send a clipping for examination.

(3) Plumbagoes—The whitish substance showing on the plants is probably mealy bug. The best simple and effective treatment is to use a hair brush and alcohol. There are several preparations which are applied by spraying, but this is hardly necessary with the treatment of a few plants.

(4) Fuchsias—The white fly covering your fuchsias is very troublesome. Aside from the preparation Nicotinic, which is rather expensive, the writer knows few things that are very effective in treatment of this pest. Have you tried common insect powder dusted on the plants or used with a small bellows. The Nicotinic preparation is sold in the smallest portions at \$1.50, but this will last a whole season for hundreds of plants and is worth many times its cost.

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Poultry Notes

BROOD COOPS.

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Chickens hatched during the winter
should be brooded in a poultry house or
shed while the outside weather condi-
tions are unfavorable; after the weather
becomes settled, they should be reared
in brood coops out of doors. Brood coops
should be made so that they can be closed
at night, to keep out cats, rats, and other
animals, and enough ventilation should
be allowed so that the hen and chicks
will have plenty of fresh air. Details and
specifications for building a good coop are
given in the Department's Farmers' Bul-
letin 574, "Poultry-House Construction,"
page 13, which is to be had on applica-
tion to the United States Department of
Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The hen should be confined in the coop
until the chicks are weaned, while the
chickens are allowed free range after they
are a few days old. Where hens are al-
lowed free range and have to forage for
food for themselves and chicks, they
often take them through wet grass, where
the chicks may become chilled and die.
Most of the feed the chicks secure in this
manner goes to keep up the heat of the
body, whereas food eaten by those that
are with a hen that is confined produces
more rapid growth, as the chicks do not
have so much exercise. Then, too, in
most broods there are one or two chicks
that are weaker than the others, and if
the hen is allowed free range the weaker
ones often get behind and out of hearing
of the mother's cluck and call. In most
cases this results in the loss and death
of these chicks, due to becoming chilled.
If the hen is confined the weaklings can
always find shelter and heat under her,
and after a few days may develop into
strong, healthy chicks.

The loss in young chicks due to allow-
ing the hen free range is undoubtedly
large. Chickens frequently have to be
caught and put into their coops during
sudden storms, as they are apt to huddle
in some hole or corner where they get
chilled or drowned. They must be kept
growing constantly if the best results are
to be obtained, as they never entirely re-
cover from checks in their growth even
for a short period. Hens are usually left
with their young chicks as long as they
will brood them, while some hens fre-
quently commence to lay before the chick-
ens are weaned.

FORCING FOR EGGS.

The quality of the egg is not lowered
by feeding for more eggs. This means
that the fowl has more material from
which to produce the eggs. There is no
way to increase the number of eggs by
giving stimulants, but the number may be
increased by giving more of the right
kind of food, because the egg yield is de-
pendent entirely upon the amount of food
taken into the body. There is a wide dif-
ference between the egg that is produced
by the hen that hunts her food from the
waste on the farm and the egg that comes
from the hen that is fed the wholesome
grains and the elements that make the
egg. The light yellow egg means that the
hen lacks green food. It may not be bet-
ter, and it may not contain more nourish-
ment, but a little clover or alfalfa added
to the food will produce a deep yellow
yolk which gives the egg a much better

appearance. The appearance of an egg
has much to do with most people in de-
termining the taste. Feed only pure,
wholesome food and the egg yield will be
satisfactory, not only in number, but in
quality, too.

ABOUT LEGHORNS.

Leghorn chicks are said to be harder
to raise than most other kinds, but that
is just because they are not so well under-
stood. The Leghorn chick has a tendency
to grow feathers very rapidly from the
beginning, and these, especially the wing
feathers, should be clipped, thus stunting
the growth till the chick gains strength
to withstand the draught the feathers
make upon its digestive organs. It is
also said by persons raising the Leghorns
that if the wing feathers are trimmed
with reference to keeping them from fly-
ing till they are two or three weeks old,
the chicks will never learn to fly, and thus
may be kept in a yard with as much
certainty as the Plymouth Rocks or Wy-
andottes.

DIRTY EGGS.

Do not buy or sell dirty eggs; it is a
sign of carelessness that should not be
countenanced for even one time. The egg
is a great absorbent and will take into the
edible part any substances that can be ab-
sorbed through the shell. If the nest
boxes are kept clean and the hens can-
not roost over them there is little danger
of soiled eggs.

In case you find a soiled egg, do not
use much water on it, but use a damp
cloth. If this does not remove the dirt,
put on it a pinch of common soda, and the
dirt will come off.

Dirty eggs do, and should, reduce the
price of the entire lot. Even one or two
dirty eggs will spoil the appearance of
the entire basket.

GREEN AND DRY BONES.

There is a wide difference between
green bones from the butcher and the dry
bones that have become bleached. The
former are flexible, cannot be ground
easily, contain the natural juices, and are
easily digestible; the latter are brittle, can
be ground into meal, and have lost the
larger portion of their nitrogen. The
green bones must be reduced with a bone
center. The fact that green and dry bones
differ demonstrates that during the pro-
cess of drying there has been a rear-
rangement of particles, and portions that
were very soluble are no longer so. Dry
bones are excellent for poultry, but bet-
ter results will be obtained by the use of
green bones, which contain not only lime,
but a large proportion of nitrogen, mak-
ing them valuable as food for laying hens.

A CONVENIENT COOP.

When the hen and chicks are placed in
the yard there is not a more convenient
coop than the old-fashioned A-coop. It
is easily made and by making parts of it
tight or covering it with carpet or some-
thing that will protect against the rain,
the care will require but little work. It
is a good thing to keep the little chicks
enclosed in yards fenced in by netting
to protect them from enemies till they
are strong enough to help themselves.

DOUBLE DUTY FROM THE HEN.

A hen can very readily take care of
more chickens than she can hatch. It
is regarded a saving of labor to put the
chicks from two hens with one and turn
the one loose, or give her another sitting
of eggs. She will hatch two sittings in
the six weeks and if she is properly fed
will be in good condition when the time
is up.

HAVE AS FEW FENCES AS POSSIBLE.

Fences mean an outlay of money, and this outlay is more or less continuous, as they must be maintained after being installed. There should be as few fences as possible dividing the lots and the yards, as land can be kept "sweet" more easily if not fenced, and fresh, sweet land is a valuable asset in poultry raising.

On good soil, a greensward may be kept up by allowing 200 to 250 square feet of land per bird. This means 217 or 174 birds per acre. More space is necessary on poor or light land. A larger number of fowls are usually kept to the acre where double yards are used and the land is frequently cultivated. Plymouth Rocks and the other heavy meat breeds in small yards require fences 5 to 6 feet high, while a fence 6 to 7 feet high is necessary for Leghorns. The upper two feet of the fence for the latter may be inclined inward at an angle of 30 degrees, or a strand of barbed wire may be used on top of the regular wire to keep them confined. It is also sometimes necessary to clip the wing feathers of one wing of those birds that persist in getting out. A board or strip along the top of the fence is not advisable. Hens will often fly over such an arrangement.

PAINT ADDS BOTH TO APPEARANCE AND SERVICE.

All buildings and appliances about a poultry yard will be improved greatly, both in appearance and in serviceability by the addition of paint. One may buy ready mixed paints, or may purchase paste pigments and oil and mix them. All surfaces should be clean and dry before they are painted. Use a priming coat made of equal parts of paint and linseed oil and cover with one or more coats of paint, which should be thoroughly rubbed into the surface.

Whitewash is the cheapest of all paints and may be used either for exterior or interior surfaces. It can be made by slaking about ten pounds of quicklime in a pail with two gallons of water, covering the pail with cloth or burlap, and allowing it to slake for one hour. Water is then added to bring the whitewash to a consistency which may be applied readily.

A weatherproof whitewash for exterior surfaces may be made as follows: (1) Slake one bushel of quicklime in twelve gallons of hot water, (2) dissolve two pounds of common salt and one pound of sulphate of zinc in two gallons of boiling water; pour (2) into (1), then add two gallons of skim milk and mix thoroughly. Whitewash is spread lightly over the surface with a broad brush.

ROASTERS.

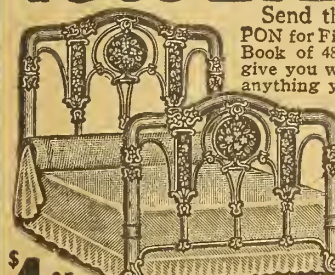
A roaster is a young fowl about full grown, weighing from four to eight pounds. The most profitable age at which to fatten them is when they are from three and one-half to four months old, as they grow and put on flesh at the same time, and therefore make greater gains than at any other time. They should be fattened as early in the season as possible, for prices, as a rule, are low in the fall, when most farmers' rush their stock to market.

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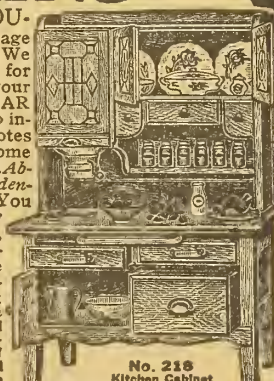
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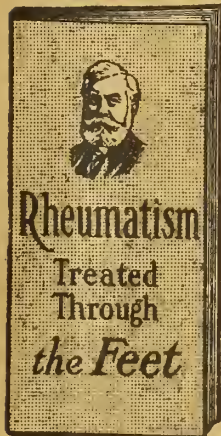
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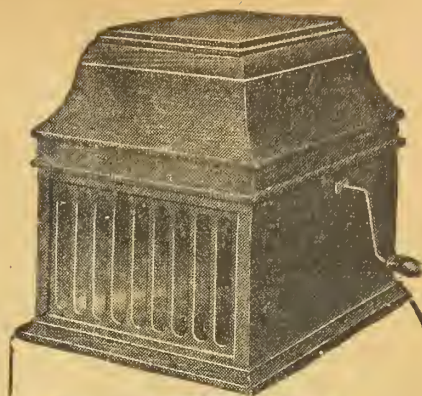


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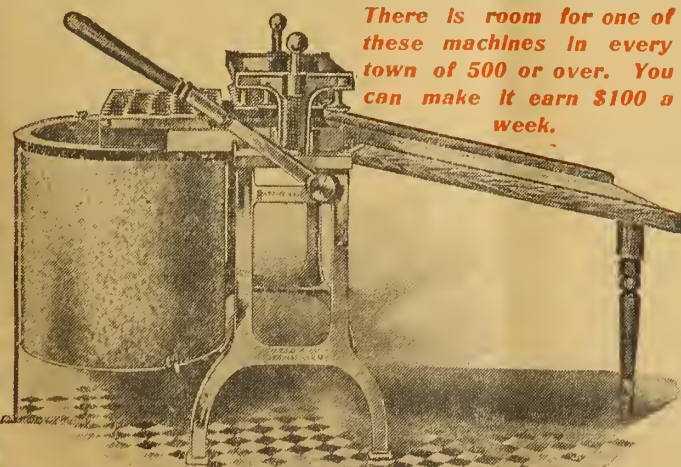
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One month of the new year has gone, and now we are ready to commence the second one. How the time flies! We are receiving inquiries how to start Sunshine Branches. Let us tell you right here. Your number should consist of ten persons at least, and as many more as you can get interested. Elect your officers, appoint your committees. (A suggestion here might help.) Have a Flower Committee, to send flowers to the sick and aged in your locality. If your town is large, divide it and have one or two members for each part. One Branch I know is allowed \$1.50 for each division of the Flower Committee, to be used each month for plants or cut flowers for the sick. Of course, this depends entirely on the amount of money the Branch may have. There should be a Scrap-Book Committee, to preserve every article printed in local papers about the Sunshine work done by the society. These clippings should be pasted in a book. There should be a Press Committee, who has printed in local papers all announcements of meetings, or mention any worthy work done by the society. A Church Committee should work with the different ministers in your locality, by obtaining names of the sick, and by sending out cheer. Any society may have just as many committees as they wish to suit their needs.

There should be laws and by-laws made to govern your own Branch. There are various ways for a society to make money to carry on the work. Fairs or bazaars or markets are good ways. By taking subscriptions for magazines, selling some good article which housewives need. Many ways will suggest themselves to a society of busy, enthusiastic women.

But by being a Sunshine Branch of The Household Journal Branch, above all things do not forget the cheer needed in our Sunshine Corner. Be sure to take the Journal so you will not overlook our shut-ins. Keep account of the number of letters, cards, gifts, books, etc., and the amount of money sent out each month by your society, and at your monthly meeting hand a written report to your Secretary.

You need not sign your name. Then every three months your Secretary sends the report total to me. This report is passed on to Headquarters. This must be done in order to keep up the work. We cannot tell whether you are active or not unless this is done. Send to us the list of names of your members and addresses and also the names and addresses of your officers. Send date of organization and name of society, and we will fill out a blank sheet and return with membership cards. If your members wish badges, they will cost ten cents for silver, twenty-five cents for gold, and fifty cents for enamel.

Every society should have dues from its members, either five cents a meeting or sixty cents a year. Of course this is left entirely to the Branch. Each Branch is expected to send the Journal Branch one dollar a year. Part of this goes to the Headquarters at New York and part to the Emergency Fund of the Journal Branch.

We hope many Branches will soon be organized. If we can help you in any way, send to us. If possible, some of the members at least should take the Sunshine Bulletin, published by our President-General, Mrs. Cynthia Alden, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Send fifty cents direct to her for your subscription for a year. It is a splendid paper about the Sunshine work done everywhere. Any society would find the Manual published by Mrs. Alden a great help in their Sunshine work. It contains Sunshine songs, order of business, constitution, states' colors, etc. Many lesson leaves are also found which help any meeting. Price twenty-five cents. Send direct to Mrs. Alden.

NOTICE TO SHUT-INS AND OTHERS.

After all we have said from time to time about persons sending letters asking for help and clothing, they still come without any reference. We cannot send out aid, and will not listen to any appeal, without the proper reference from minister or doctor. Do not ask us to write to these persons for reference; we have not the time. If you are really worthy you will take the time for this yourself. Our Society was started to cheer the shut-in, the lonely and aged by sending letters, cards, reading, etc., and because we ask for a dime shower sometimes for very worthy ones, we do not wish others to impose on us. So please remember our wishes in this matter.

SUNSHINE READING.

Reader: The gifts of Providence are more equally distributed than we are apt to think. Among the poor so little is enjoyed so much, and among the rich so much is enjoyed so little.

Members: May the house which I inhabit remind me of the homeless, may the friends whom I prize remind me of the solitary.

Reader: To mean something good to some other life is an instinctive ambition of every normal life.

Members: Happiness is the feeling that we experience when we are too busy to be miserable.

Reader: It is always better to do a thing than not to do it, if you remember duly the Ten Commandments.

Members: Give us to awake with smiles, give us to labor smiling. As the sun returns in the east, so let our patience be renewed with dawn.

Reader: If we are ever in doubt what to do, it is a good rule to ask ourselves

what shall we wish on the morrow we had done.

Members: He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace.

Reader: We are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as if there were no end of them.

Members: So long as we love, we serve, and no one is useless while he has a friend.

Reader: Write it on thy heart that every day is the best day of the year.

Members: We expect to pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there is any kindness we can show or any good we can do to our fellow-beings, let us do it now.

Reader: Efforts to be permanently useful must be uniformly joyous. A spirit all sunshine is graceful from very gladness, beautiful because bright.

Members: I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

Cheer is asked for an eight-year-old child, Ruth Parker, Gladwin, Mich., R. F. D. 3, Box 93.

A real tool chest is wanted for a nine-year-old boy. Address Master Ellsley Nate, care of Esther Levy, Cornwall Landing, N. Y.

Cheer is also asked by Miss Levy for Miss Jane Ellen. A few yards of outing and a pair of shoes, No. 4½, width D, are wanted for this invalid. Send to Miss Levy, Cornwall Landing, N. Y., Box 314.

Books, pictures, dolls, colored crayons or paints are wanted for little Jane Stal, eight years old, and Harry Levy, seven years old. Send in care of Miss Esther Levy, Cornwall Landing, N. Y., Box 314.

Pictures, cards, toys or anything that will please a little eight-year-old boy is asked to be sent to Master Lancelot G. Reeves, Toney Creek, R. F. D. 1, S. C. This little fellow is crippled. His birthday is March 22nd.

A Hoosier friend sent the following name for cheer. Mrs. Ella W. Price, Ladoga, Ind., Montgomery County, is a wheel-chair invalid. She does not need material aid, but would appreciate letters or post cards which would bring comfort to her.

Ansel P. Talbert, Laurens, S. C., care of Mrs. Mattie McGowan, is a little orphan living with his aunt. He has never walked and is also afflicted in his speech, but is a very bright child. It will be a mercy to brighten his little life. His aunt writes that he was born July 20, 1898.

Mrs. L. W. Chapin, 1208 31st Street, Birmingham, Ala., has not been on our list for a long time. She asks for silk pieces and especially ribbons for fancy work. Mrs. Chapin is a wheel-chair invalid. Has one foot amputated. She has been very ill. Please send her cheer at once.

Mrs. Jennie Fausnight, Middlebranch, Ohio, R. F. D., has been bereaved of a little girl five years old. The little one was burned to death on the 23rd of December, and was buried on Christmas day. The family are in deep sorrow over the death. Words of consolation are requested to be sent to the mother.

Cheer has been asked for a wee lonely boy of five years. He lives in the country. His mother is an invalid and only has one hand. A few pretty gifts or post cards for her would be appreciated. Address the little boy as follows: Master Lewis Vorhees, care of Mrs. Charlie Vorhees, Prattsville, N. Y.

Mrs. J. R. Henry, of Dondridge, Tenn., R. F. D. 5, asks for Sunshiners to please remember her on her birthday, February 7th. She wishes persons would send her a yard or more of dark calico, either blue or red, to line her quilts. She says it is cold and they are needing the quilts, so would be grateful for the calico. She has not been able to do much this winter, so would appreciate cheer.

Stamps are needed by one of our cheery shut-in young men. He did not ask for them, but he does so much good cheer work by sending in names of shut-ins and writes to shut-ins, that we know he could use a supply. Or a cheery book will be a great help to him, we know. He never gets blue, but looks on the bright side, and his letters are filled with "sunshine." Address Mr. Fred McKittrick, Toney Creek, S. C., R. F. D. 1.

Mrs. Beulah Moore, Campbell, N. C., R. F. D. 1, Box 62, has been a sufferer for eleven

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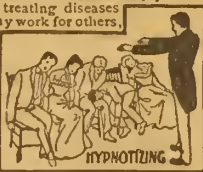
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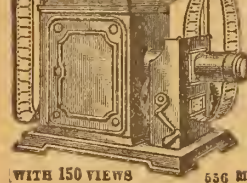
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years from rheumatism. She lives in the mountains in a lonely place and can't get out in winter at all. She has seven children. She would appreciate good reading, for the children as well as herself. Perhaps some one can send a good paper or magazine when through with it. Mrs. Moore is so anxious for the children to have an education. She says the people are uneducated around them; few can only read and write. The oldest child, a girl, is 20; the next, a boy, 18; next two are boys, 17 and 15; a girl, 11; a boy, 9, and a little girl, 3 years. She would be glad for them to work out to get an education if she could spare them, but she needs them to do the housework, as she is not able to do it. She longs so much to hear from the outside world. Can you not cheer this sad heart by sending her some mail? Her life is very sad. Here is a great chance to do a kind act by assisting this family to live better and to be of use in the world.

A very worthy letter comes from Mrs. Lucy A. Robertson, of Spray, N. C. We received a reference from the pastor, Rev. T. M. Green, of Spray Baptist Church. He says Mrs. Robertson is a very worthy woman. The husband has been unable to work for over a year and they have four small children depending on them for support. She works in a cotton mill, but her wages are too small to support the family. The little girl, 13 years old, also worked in the mill until she had her first finger taken off in the mill. Mrs. Robertson asks for second-hand clothing or shoes, as she wants to send the children to school. The ages are as follows: The oldest girl is 13 years; the baby, a girl, is 2 years; one boy is between 7 and 8 years, and the other boy is between 4 and 5 years. Perhaps some of our Sunshiners can help this worthy family. Ship anything to them to Spray, N. C. We trust that some of our Sunshiners will try to send a box to this poor family who are struggling. Put some canned goods in it, too, which will help them a while.

Such words as these come from a Sunshiner who sends a list for cheer: "Your columns in the Journal bring more cheer from all parts of the land than any other source I have found." The following is the list this good Sunshiner has sent for our readers. We trust others will send names for cheer:

Mrs. Wm. Hayden, Paris, Mo., a lonely shut-in who loves to read and enjoys cards.

Mrs. Ella Rouse, Paris, Mo., an invalid, 42 years old, enjoys everything.

Mrs. J. N. Vaughn, Strother, Mo., a great sufferer, lives in a lonely country, enjoys books and in spite of pain uses to advantage every scrap of silk and wool.

Mrs. C. C. Long, Paris, Mo., lives a lonely shut-in life; enjoys everything.

Mrs. Bettie Vaughn, Goss, Mo., is a lonely shut-in; loves to read and receive cards.

Miss Leona Adams, Paris, Mo., R. R. 4, an invalid for years, and enjoys child-like things.

Mr. Jesse Mowen, Goss, Mo., has not walked for many years, and is very poor. A coin in his poor hands brings more joy than his poor tongue could tell.

Mrs. Flora Edwards, Corner Sixth and Roberts Streets, Booneville, Mo., sits in a wheel-chair all the time.

Mrs. Kate Diehl, 7th and Morgan Streets, Booneville, Mo., is a German lady and very much afflicted; would enjoy letters and cards.

Mrs. Wm. Lionberger, 708 Sixth Street, Booneville, Mo., is always in a wheel-chair.

APPRECIATION.

Mrs. Carrie Cox, of Mexico, N. Y., received some nice presents from the Sunshiners at Christmas, for which she is very grateful.

Mrs. B. B. Shetter, of Chambersburg, Pa., R. F. D. 11, thanks all the Sunshiners for the cards and letters received on her seventy-fifth birthday.

Mrs. B. A. Berry, 124 West Piedmont Street, Keyser, W. Va., wishes to thank all friends for cheer sent to her. She is not able to write at all. Wishes to thank "Sunshine Julia," "Brooklyn Girl" and Mrs. L. E. Tate.

Miss Francis E. Royce, R. F. D. 1, East Shoreham, Vt., wishes all friends to know how much she appreciates their kindness. And while she is very much improved, yet she hopes the Sunshiners will not forget to write to her.

Miss Bessie Smith, of 818 West Division Street, Springfield, Mo., received a number of nice little gifts for Christmas, for which she was very thankful and much pleased. She says each little token brings sunshine to her. Her birthday is February 13th.

Mrs. Mamie Coyle, of 39 Union Street, Newark, Ohio, wishes to thank every one for the cheer sent during 1914 and also for the Christmas remembrances. She is able to sit up in her wheel-chair for a time. Trusts the Sunshiners will not forget her the coming year. All she has comes from friends. So a mite means much to her.

A letter of appreciation was received from Mrs. Louisa Shigley, of Jamestown, Ohio, for the beautiful post cards and cheery letters sent

to her invalid mother, Mrs. David Davis, of Jamestown, Ohio, who died November 16th. Mrs. Davis was a great sufferer for years from rheumatism, and while she received every care from her children, yet she greatly appreciated the cheer sent to her by the Sunshine friends.

We received a grateful letter from little Lillian Austin, of Pelzer, S. C. She said Santa was real good to her through the kind Sunshiners. But she suffers so much, it is little pleasure she sees. Yet she does enjoy her mail. She has a complication of troubles. She is sixteen years old and says she has blue eyes, fair complexion, light brown hair, and weighs sixty pounds. Put this young girl on your Sunshine list.

Miss Mabel Capewell, of Woodbury, Conn., is very thankful to all for the kindness they have shown her the past year. She is a young shut-in who is very feeble. Her letters are beautifully written and she is so cheery, that while one is trying to bring "sunshine" to her she is sending back to you more sunshine in her cheery letters than you ever dreamed of receiving. Any one who can do that is worth more than we can ever estimate. The world needs such cheery people. And such people are real heroines.

Miss Ida Newton, of 60 Catherine Street, Albany, N. Y., wishes to acknowledge the kindness and aid sent to her and her mother. She is so thankful for all received. She would like so much to have the address of the little girl who sent her 25 cents. She hopes she will send her address on a card. Miss Newton is always grateful for stamps to help her in her Sunshine work, as this is her only source of pleasure, as she is crippled and has to stay in a basement, for they are unable to rent bright, sunny rooms.

A letter comes from Miss Agnes Alexander, of Augusta, Ga. She says it was the happiest Christmas she and her dear mother have ever had. It all happened through the kindness of the Sunshine friends. They were so grateful for all received and said there was no chance of being "blue." Some sent orders for her beautiful network, and as long as orders are coming she does not get discouraged, as this is their only support. Her collar and cuff sets are beautiful. They can be made in any color of thread and most any design. Prices are right. Send stamp to her for prices and samples. Address her at 1465 Cooper Street.

Miss M. E. Rogers, of Sanford, N. C., one of our shut-ins and friend of the Journal for many years, sincerely thanks all for the cards sent to her on her birthday, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks a "friend" who sent her a good letter and 25 cents. She passed the letter on to her invalid sister and she says, "no doubt it will cheer her as it did me." Miss Rogers has had rheumatism for over twenty-five years. Has been unable to get her hands to her head in years. She does beautiful crochet work, and is her only means of support. She has taken many premiums at their fair for her beautiful work. Send a stamp to her for prices.

GIEVE-STRICKLAND FUND.

This fund was started in an autumn number in order to raise \$100.00 to pay off a mortgage on the home of a very worthy old couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gieve, of Lake Bay, Wash. Mr. Gieve is 75 years old and is very feeble, as his health is very bad. Mrs. Gieve is an invalid. At one time she was able to assist others and did much cheer work among the sick and afflicted, but her own illness has depleted their pocketbook. We hoped to have this fund entirely collected by the first of February, but at the time of this writing it is still incomplete about \$50.00. We have written to the man who holds the mortgage to see if he will extend the time. If he does we may yet save the home for the old folks.

The Strickland Fund as combined with this was asked for by a Sunshiner to help a shut-in, Mrs. M. A. Strickland, who has been a shut-in for over thirty years. Her husband has very poor health and is a flagman at a railroad station and only makes eight cents an hour.

We are still hoping more Sunshiners will send for the mortgage fund, and what is left over will go to Mr. and Mrs. Gieve so they have something with which to buy food this winter. Many times they have very little to eat, so we know if there should be any extra help it will be a blessing. Send all contributions to Mrs. Gertrude Cherry, Xenia, Ohio.

Acknowledgment of money received for the Gieve-Strickland Fund from Sunshiners who sent no address:

B. L. W., of Beaver Falls, Pa., for Mrs. Gieve, \$1.00; from a Tuslan, Tulsa, Okla., \$1.00; a "friend," Mrs. Alex. C., \$2.00; from A. D., \$2.00; "A Maryland Friend," \$1.00; a "sympathizer," from Portsmouth, Va., \$1.00; Mabel and Ida Gottick, \$3.00; from a friend in N. H., \$1.00; "In His Name," from 46 James Street, \$1.00; "a mite for the Mortgage Fund" in a Christmas Window Card, 50 cents; from a reader of Household Journal from Troy, N. Y., 25 cents; from a friend, Eureka, Cal., \$2.00; from a friend from Ohio, \$1.00; "a friend from

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DIME SHOWER.

Mrs. P. A. Crook, Spies, N. C., R. F. D., care of W. M. Crook, is a shut-in who is very worthy. She has poor eyesight and gets very discouraged. We know it would cheer her very much if she should receive a dime from our readers, to pay her doctor bill. We announce this as a shower and will place the date February 22nd.

GONE BEYOND.

Mr. Samuel Yohn, 50 West 3rd Street, Pottstown, Pa., has passed away. His family are very grateful to all Sunshiners for the cheer sent to him. It not only cheered his lonely life, but also encouraged his loved ones who waited on him. We asked for cheer in a late number for this shut-in. His name appeared in our Birthday Booklet for December. Please make note of this.

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For the Emergency Fund of the Household Journal Branch we still sell mendets. These, as many know, are so handy for the housewife. They will mend leaks in granite, tin, copper, brass, hot-water bags, etc. Can be applied at once, and easily done. Will save pans, buckets, etc. Price 25 cents in United States coin or money order, and two cents for mailing. Do not send Canadian money unless an extra five cents is sent. Send direct to Mrs. Gertrude Cherry, Xenia, Ohio.

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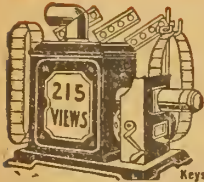
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Puss in Boots

"I'LL tell ye," said Norah the nurse, "a shtory iv th' days whin cats c'd talk."

"In thim days," continued Norah, "a poor felly was lift with niver a thing between him an' shtarvation but a cat."

"I don't see why he couldn't go to work and earn a living," commented Jessie Corwin, dreamily.

"'Twas not th' cushtom iv th' time," explained Norah. "In a fairy shtory ye niver hear iv anny wan wor-rkin' excipt th' poor wood-chopper, an' th' lad, not bein' a wood-chopper, had to make his livin' off th' cat. I think 'twas onlawful f'r anny wan ilse to wor-rk, but annyhow ye niver r-read iv wan iv th' poor lads thryin' it. However, 'twas not so bad as it lukked, f'r all th' cat wanted was a pair iv boots to be able to take care iv th' two iv thim."

"Why should the cat want boots?" demanded Carl.

"Don't ye know that?" asked Norah, just to gain time.

"I tried to put a pair of dolls' shoes on our cat once," asserted Tommy, "and she didn't like it a bit."

"Iv coorse not," said Norah, with calm superiority, "an' I'll tell ye why. She's not a talkin' cat. If she'd been wan iv th' talkin' kind she'd asked ye f'r boots. Whin ye find a cat that can talk an' won't wear boots, 'will be time f'r ye to doubt th' shtory I'm tellin' ye. Well, this cat got th' boots, an' thin he caught a rabbit an' tuk it to th' king, sayin' it was from th' Earl iv Killarney."

"The Marquis of Carabas," corrected Jessie.

"Am I tellin' th' shtory, or are ye?" demanded Norah.

"You are, of course," said Ethel.

"Well, whin I'm tellin' th' shtory," said Norah, "I'll have a na-ame that will fit on me tongue. As a matter iv fact, th' thrue na-ame is Killarney, an' th' Ca-ra-ra-ra—bad luck to it!—is wan iv th' evil ray-silts iv th' Spanish War. Annyhow, 'twas th' Earl iv Killarney that th' cat said, an' th' king was so pleased he said, 'Come again.' Ye see, 'tis th' wa-ay iv th' wor-ld to give to thim that has, an' a king has iverrything excipt peace iv mind, so that's th' only thing no wan iver thries to give him."

"That's all new," asserted Tommy, somewhat bewildered.

"Iv coorse," returned Norah. "Th' thruth is always new. But I'll come back to th' shtory. A few days afther, th' cat

caught two bir-rds an' tuk thim to th' king."

"It's a good thing," commented Jessie, thoughtfully, "that talking cats don't wear gloves as well as boots."

"F'r why?" demanded Norah.

"They couldn't catch birds with gloves," answered Jessie.

"How bright ye are!" said Norah. "That's why they don't wear thim, iv coorse. I meant to tell ye that, an' I f'rgot."

"Go on, Norah," urged Ethel.

"Bein' now on good ter-rms with th' king," Norah went on, "th' cat was f'r takin' his masther to th' pla-acc."

"But me clo'es!" says th' Earl iv Killarney.

"F'r sure," says th' cat. "They don't fit."

"'Tis th' material, an' not th' fit," says th' Earl.

"R-right ye are!" says th' cat. "Th' material don't fit yc-er new na-ame."

"But why did he have to have a new name?" asked Carl. "Why did he have to be an earl?"

"Because," answered Norah, "there's a gir-rl in th' casc, an' ye'll come to her afther th' shwin. Ye see, th' cat made him go in shwimmin' whin th' king was comin' that wa-ay, an' thin hid his clo'es, an' told th' king they were shtolen."

"That was a lie," asserted Tommy; "and heroes don't lie."

"No," admitted Norah, "but cats do. Ye see, 'twas all along iv th' doin's iv that shmart an' disgr-raccful cat. Well, thin th' cat came to th' castle where th' ogre lived—"

"I hear," says th' cat to th' ogre, 'that ye can tur-rn ye-ersilf into an animal.'

"Watch me," says th' ogre; an' he made a lion iv himself."

"I've wondered," remarked Jessie, "why the lion didn't kill the cat."

"I'm glad ye shpoke iv it," returned Norah. "'Tis a thing th' felly that wrote th' book f'rgot, but I'll tell ye why. Th' cat wint up th' old-gold curtains hangin' in th' door, jumped f'r a picture close to th' ceilin', an' he was peekin' over th' top iv th' frame before th' lion had time to gr-rowl."

"Come down!" says th' lion.

"Me fut's caught," says th' cat. "Can ye ma-ake a mouse iv ye-ersilf?"

"I can," says th' lion. "Is ye-er fut shtill caught?"

"It is," says th' cat. Thin th' foolish ogre tur-rned himsilf into a mouse, an'

with th' cry, 'Mc fut's loose,' th' cat gave wan shpring that finished th' ogre."

"I'm awfully glad," said Ethel, "that you explained about the cat's foot being caught. It always seemed to me such a foolish thing for the ogre to make a mouse of himself when there was a cat in the room, but now I understand it."

"Iv coorse," Norah agreed, with gratified vanity; "'twas a bit iv shtrategy on th' part iv th' cat. An' havin' won, she tuk possession iv th' castle in th' na-ame iv th' Earl iv Killarney, an' wint out to meet th' king. Well, th' king was already thinkin' what a fine thing 'twu'd be to ha-ave all these esltates added to th' kingdom, an' he'd sint fr th' princeiss. Ye see, he was a modern ma-an, although he lived in 'waunst upon a time.' In th' old days they had a wa-ay iv gittin' what they wanted be fightin', but after a bit they found 'twas aisier to do it be marryin', an' 'twas a lift to th' gir-rls to win what th' min c'u'dn't git."

"But he was king of a big country, wasn't he?" asked Carl.

"F'r sure," answered Norah.

"Then why should he be so anxious to have any more?"

"I'll tell ye," said Norah, confidentially. "'Twas to put taxes on it. There niver was a king that wasn't lukkin' f'r a new place to put taxes."

"What are taxes?" asked Jessie.

"Taxes," replied Norah, whose ideas of government were rather hazy, "are th' pinalty ye pa-ay f'r bein' bossed."

"Of course the princess married the Marquis of Carabas," suggested Ethel. Whereupon the nurse gazed at her with admiration.

"How can ye sa-ay that?" she asked. "'Tis a niver-endin' 'ra-ra' to me. But ye're r-right. She married him, an' th' moral iv this is—"

"What?" asked all the children, as Norah paused.

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"Thankful am I that, 'mid life's toil and strife, Commingled with the sorrow and the pain, I still may have thy love to cheer my life. Thy faith doth ever help me to remain Resigned beneath the burdens that I bear As down the path of life I humbly go. I soon forget the sorrow and the care When thou art near, thy presence cheers me so.

"Now, as I sit and pen these lines to thee, Memory brings thy dear form to my side. Two lovely eyes of deep, dark blue I see, Yielding a gleam of love they cannot hide. Dreaming—that's all—'tis but a dream, I know; But some time, when the sky of life is clear, Perhaps I'll hear you murmur, sweet and low, The words of love I long so much to hear."

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HAVE FISH DISHES MORE OFTEN.

There seems to be a prejudice against fish—that is, served frequently, and this, too, without apparent reason. It is usually relished once a week; why not oftener? Some housekeepers claim they buy fish on Friday only because they feel sure of getting it fresh then, but if they would create a daily demand for it the fish would be sold to them fresh every day. Not that a daily diet of fish is to be recommended, but if the home mother can induce her family to eat sea food three times or even twice a week she would find a decrease in her butcher's and egg man's bills.

Of course, if one kind of fish is frequently served in the same way the family is sure to tire of it, but with such a variety to choose from and so many different ways of cooking, there should be no such monotony. The smoked kinds of fish could take the place of eggs for breakfast. Finnan haddie is delicious either broiled or steamed in milk, and a fish weighing about two pounds can be bought in the market for a quarter.

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two good-sized onions in butter until a light brown. Add a can of strained tomatoes and cook for ten minutes. Take the fish from the water and put in with the tomatoes. Place at the back of the stove for half an hour, then serve.

Creamed fish is well known, but if a little lemon juice is added at the last moment it will be found to give zest. Scaloped fish, too, is a fairly familiar dish, but it can be made more tasty if the white sauce is seasoned with a dash of mustard and paprika, as well as salt. For deserts one could make a creamy rice pudding without eggs.

Young cooks must bear in mind the success of a fish dish depends quite a good deal upon the way it is served. The sauce must be smooth, tasty and creamy and the garnishing of parsley and lemon arranged to tempt the palate.

SALADS OF CANNED OR LEFT-OVER VEGETABLES.

Canned or left-over vegetables may be well utilized in salads. Creamed peas, carrots, etc., may be washed free of the sauce by pouring cold water over them.

When several vegetables are used in the same salad they should be marinated separately and arranged for serving just before sending to the table.

If just a suspicion of garlic or onion is desired, rub the sides of the bowl with the cut surface of a clove of garlic, or extract the juice from an onion by rubbing it over a grater.

To marinate, pour French dressing, or dressing made of vinegar, sugar and salt, over the salad, set away in the ice box for an hour or two, then drain and add either boiled or mayonnaise dressing.

Green vegetables and fruits should be mixed just before serving. If allowed to stand in the salad dressing even for a short time the greens wilt, the fruit loses juice, and the dressing becomes watery.

In combining salads toss the ingredients, using a spoon or fork or two spoons, but do not stir. Stirring breaks the pieces of food and makes the salad mussy and unattractive.

Bread and butter, wafers, rolls, or slightly sweetened cakes are served with salads.

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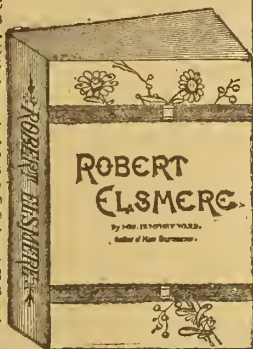
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down the case (each row will be eleven inches in length) to form the compartments. Hand sewing will not be sufficiently strong. The half-inch difference in the strips forming the case appears at the top. One edge being a half-inch below the other enables one to more readily get at the silver when it is encased in the compartment. At the center of one twelve-inch end place a two and one-half narrow ribbon or tape to tie about the case when it is rolled up, to keep it from unfastening and allowing the silver to slip out.

A dark garnet flannel or canton flannel is a very good shade for such cases. This is the color commonly used by jewelers for the purpose.

ECONOMIES IN HOUSEKEEPING.

One of the worst sources of waste is in buying too large quantities of perishable articles and too small quantities of the things that keep well. Green vegetables, fresh meats and fresh fruits should be bought in small quantities daily. The housewife will learn by experience just how much each person will require, and no more should be prepared for a meal than can be disposed of without waste.

Of course, a careful housewife does her own marketing personally; never by telephone, unless she is unable to go out. If all the telephones could be taken out of the houses of our average families the expenses for food would be reduced thirty per cent, and many cases of nervous invalidism avoided. You will observe that the woman of indolent habits has all sorts of nervous troubles with which to upset the family. When the shirking of household duties begins the servant trouble comes up. The wife who goes into the kitchen daily, pad and pencil in hand, looks over the situation, writes on a slate the menus for the day, then goes out and personally selects the food, has few servant difficulties, unless her disposition is intolerant and inconsiderate.

CUTTING DOWN BUTTER BILL.

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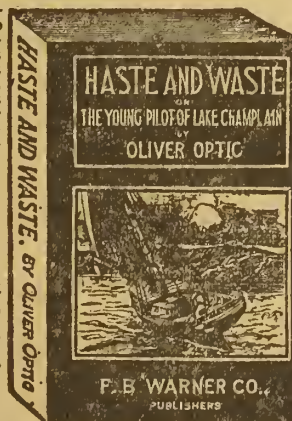
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Aunt Jane's Page

RAIN ON THE ROOF.

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Over all the starry spheres,
And the melancholy darkness
Gently weeps in rainy tears,
What a bliss to press the pillow
Of a cottage-chamber bed,
And to listen to the patter
Of the soft rain overhead!

Every tinkle on the shingles
Has an echo in the heart,
And a thousand dreamy fancies
Into busy being start,
And a thousand recollections
Weave their air-threads into woof,
As I listen to the patter
Of the rain upon the roof.

Now in memory comes my mother
As she used long years ago,
To regard the daring dreamers
Ere she left them till the dawn;
Oh, I see her leaning o'er me
As I list to this refrain
Which is played upon the shingles
By the patter of the rain.

Then my little seraph sister,
With her wings and waving hair,
And her star-eyed cherub brother—
A serene angelic pair!—
Glide around my wakeful pillow,
With their praise or mild reproof,
As I listen to the murmur
Of the soft rain on the roof.

And another comes to thrill me
With her eyes' delicious blue;
And I mind not, musing on her,
That her heart was all untrue;
I remember but to love her
With a passion kin to pain,
And my heart's quick pulses vibrate
To the patter of the rain.

Art hath naught of tone or cadence
That can work with such a spell
In the soul's mysterious fountains,
Whence the tears of rapture well,
As that melody of nature,
That subdued, subduing strain,
Which is played upon the shingles
By the patter of the rain.

—Coates Kinney.

Table novelties and favors for Washington's birthday

Time was when, unless a woman happened to possess the knack of "making things," no matter how original or clever her ideas might be, she could not hope to impart much distinctiveness to her entertainments, but, thanks to the enterprising manufacturers and tradesmen, that day belongs to the past. Today not only are her wants, however individual, supplied to order, but they are even anticipated, thus taking the form of suggestions, and at such trifling expense that home labor, even when the skill is not lacking, cannot compete. These "ready-made" suggestions embrace all times and occasions, especially the red-letter days of the year, and the woman who desires to celebrate the birthday of the Father of His Country will have an embarrassment of riches in the way of table novelties and caterers' supplies upon which to draw.

For holding bonbons an appropriate and dainty conceit is a paper drum so cleverly made that at first sight its use is rather puzzling. These paper drums also form odd receptacles for ices, sherbets or punch. When it is desirable to preserve the drum as a souvenir, put the frozen mixture into cups, then stand these inside the drums just before serving time, and replace the covers. Columbia bonbon cups for bonbons or salted nuts are among the season's novelties in this line, and comprise the shield of our country in colors, with a cup-like depression in the center. Columbia ramekins are larger than the bonbon cups, though the same in style, and are intended for ices or

salads. Paper knapsacks form odd receptacles for salted nuts. Hatchet-shaped candy boxes, though not new, are always in demand, and when filled with candied cherries are peculiarly fitting to the occasion. They are especially nice for children's Washington's birthday parties. Star-shaped paper ramekins are for salads, or for such entrees as creamed sweetbreads, creamed chicken or anything that can be served in a pate shell.

For a favor nothing could be more unique, and at the same time appropriate, than a small silk flag with the tiniest of canteens attached. Another favor is a George Washington badge of silk on which there is a picture of the patriot with an appropriate sentiment beneath. A sword stick pin is sold to fasten on these badges. Miniature likenesses of George and Martha Washington in neat gilt frames can be had, and form acceptable souvenirs.

With a little extra thought and labor even the food may be made to assume a patriotic form for the occasion, and here again the enterprising manufacturer has anticipated the hostess' wants. Molds, baking tins, pastry cutters and other utensils may be had in almost any pattern one desires. By means of a hatchet-shaped pastry cutter cheese straws, cakes or bread for sandwiches may be made to assume the form of that formidable and memorable weapon. From the caterer individual molds of ice cream in clever imitation of the bust of the Father of His Country and his esteemed lady may be had; or, if preferred, the molds may take the form of stars or a spread-eagle. The cakes may be cut out with a star cutter or baked in star pate pans or in oblong tins, then iced to simulate our country's flag. Croutons for the bouillon or for garnishing the meat may be cut into the desired shape before frying. Bread cases for creamed dishes may be cut out with a star cutter, then scooped out in the center.

Daily cleaning simplified

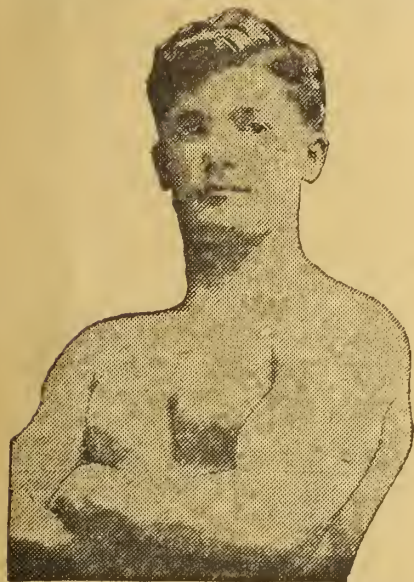
The installation of hardwood floors and small movable rugs in our homes has totally changed and simplified much of the daily cleaning. The long-handled, so-called "yacht" or oil mop has come to stay, and we have it in every form. Where formerly a woman prostrated herself to wipe up the hardwood floor with a rag, she now fastens her rag on a handle or uses one of the specially prepared long-handled mops. The best of these are made of black fiber fitted into a soft head, which will not mar the furniture legs. Perhaps the very best is a triangular-shaped mop with soft padded edges, so that nothing will be scratched.

The scrubbing brush fastened into a long handle is even more effective than the scrubbing brush as formerly used, because pressure from the arm at this height is more powerful than when exerted from the wrist. Then there are various improved mops and cleaners for all surfaces like tile, hardwood, linoleum, etc. A good one of these has an extremely long wooden handle, to which are fastened a number of rubber teeth. A specially prepared twenty-inch cloth is used with this handle, and the rubber teeth serve to hold the cloth tight as it is moved across either the wet or dry floor.

Some housekeepers still do not care to use the long-handled oil mop, or do not need it, and for these there is a better way to wipe dust from a hardwood floor than the old method of tying a rag

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The same dust-scattering method of olden days prevailed formerly in that always unpleasant task of cleaning silver and other metals. It was almost a half-day job to clean the weekly silver with the old-fashioned powder, brush and various "rags." But this, too, has changed, and now we have been using for some time the so-called silver clean pan, and various specially prepared cloths for cleaning metals. One bright woman discovered by accident that the placing of silver in any aluminum utensil, adding to it hot water and a teaspoonful of salt and baking soda, would clean her silverware almost instantly.

The new order of cleaning means, then, absorbing dust rather than scattering it, and in every branch of cleansing, whether it be carpets, furniture, walls, metals or ornaments, there is a new method and a new tool lying at the door of the housewife, which will make cleaning an easy task.

Shirring

Shirring may be done in two ways: Plain shirring: Run the thread through the goods with very small and even stitches. Push the goods up on the thread until it is the desired fullness. Be careful not to get it too full or it will lose its beauty. Put in as many threads as you wish, at an equal distance apart. Put all the threads in before shoving the goods up, and keep the fullness the same on each thread. Tuck shirring: Instead of just running the thread in, as in plain shirring, take up a tuck each time about one eighth of an inch wide. Shove up on the thread the same as in plain shirring. Make as many tucks as desired, equally distant from each other.

French pastry sandwiches

Cut rounds of puff paste about one-fourth of an inch thick. Dip in ice water and bake in a buttered pan. Serve two of these put together with the following filling: Peel the outside rind from one large lemon, remove seeds and chop lemon fine. Add one cupful of sugar and one egg and beat together thoroughly. Put in buttered pie-plate and bake in a slow oven for ten minutes. This filling is sufficient for a dozen cases.

Turn off the gas

In cooking most foods the gas fire under the oven may be turned out before the food is done, for the oven will retain sufficient heat to complete the cooking. When frying meat and other foods on top of the stove, the gas may be turned off several minutes before removing the food, and the heat retained will brown it sufficiently.

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In a corner of the room a charming floral bower made of vines and realistic paper roses had suspended from the top a pink cardboard, on which was printed in red, "Heart Market," and below the following verse:

Come here, if a partner
You wish to find.
For we have valentines
Of every sort and kind.

On a table stood six baskets, numbered and trimmed with ribbon bows and flowers, and filled with valentines made by the clever hostess.

On being received by the hostess and her young friend, each guest was directed to the "heart market," which was in charge of a dear little "god of love" attired in gauze, spangles and wings.

The men drew from basket number one, the women from number two. The first were floral affairs so made that the central blossom opened so as to disclose the face of one of the girls present. An amateur photographer having previously secured a likeness of each one. Of course, the young men readily understood that the owner of the face on his valentine was the partner for the evening.

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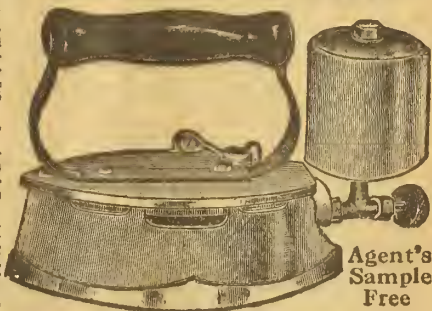
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Pickle Relish—Put three small or two medium sized pickles, one slice of raw onion, three olives and one piece of horseradish an inch long through the grinder quite fine. Drain and add to one tablespoonful of salad dressing. Mix thoroughly. When ready to serve, beat in one tablespoonful of lemon juice and one tablespoonful of heavy cream.

Escalloped Celery—Chop celery very fine, or cut into half-inch lengths, and cook until tender in boiling salted water to cover. Drain, and reheat in cream sauce. Put into a buttered baking dish in layers, sprinkling each layer with grated cheese, or crumbs, or both crumbs and grated cheese. Have crumbs and cheese on top, dot with butter, and brown in the oven.

Oatmeal Cookies—One egg, one-quarter cupful of thin cream, one-quarter cupful of milk, one-half cupful of fine oatmeal, two cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt. Beat the egg until light, add the sugar, cream and milk; then add the oatmeal, flour, baking powder and salt, mixed and sifted. Toss on a floured board, roll, cut in shape, and bake in a moderate oven.

Sausage Rolls—Use link sausages of fresh pork. Do not separate, but place in boiling water and boil twenty minutes. Let cool in the water in which they were cooked. Make a rich biscuit dough, as soft as can be handled. If the sausages are small, take two links, if large, one, and wrap in enough dough to cover entirely, but thinly. Place in a baking pan, brush over with melted butter, and bake in a quick oven. Serve hot with white sauce.

Chicken Patties—Use the liquid the chicken was boiled in for the gravy, and season just as if milk were used. Melt butter, add flour, and then pour in the gravy quickly. This must be thick. Season with pepper, salt, a dash of cayenne, a little garlic, chopped parsley, bottle of mushrooms, and plenty of good grated cheese. Mince the chicken well, then add the seasoning. Serve in patty shells or on slices of toast, garnished with lettuce leaves.

Oven Pot Roast of Mutton—Three pounds of mutton from the shoulder, two cupfuls of potato cut in small pieces, one cupful of carrots cut in small pieces, one-half sliced onion (less, if preferred), two level tablespoonfuls of flour, salt. Put the meat in a casserole or earthen bean pot and cover with boiling water. Put the cover on and let the meat cook in a moderate oven two hours. Add the vegetables and salt, cover again, and cook for one hour. Reduce the liquor in the pot to one cupful and thicken with the flour.

Prunes with Dumplings—Three eggs, three cupfuls of flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder; beat the eggs light; add the flour mixed with the baking powder, and a little water to make the dough slightly thicker than for cake; drop a spoonful at a time into prunes when cooking; stew a quantity of prunes quite soft; have plenty of water which has been added when cooking; then add butter and sugar enough to suit the taste, and flavor with nutmeg; do not stop the boiling while dropping in the dumplings.

Banana Shortcake—Into three cupfuls of sifted flour rub two tablespoonfuls of butter; add one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of sugar and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Mix to a soft dough with cold milk, and bake in two layers. Grate one-half of the peel of an orange, then cut it in half, crosswise, and scoop out the pulp; rub four bananas through a sieve, add to this the orange rind and pulp and one cupful of sugar. Lastly, stir in one-half cupful of thick cream, beaten stiff, and spread between and over the cakes. Serve with sweet cream or custard.



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If your catarrh has already become worse than this, if you now find yourself hawking and spitting all day long, if you have a bad taste in your mouth, no appetite and a breath that makes people turn away their heads when you go near them, if your hearing is affected, if you have catarrhal headaches and other advanced symptoms, do not neglect them.

I Paid Dearly For Neglect

If you could only know and realize the frightful penalty I paid for neglect of early symptoms you would be mighty busy trying to find something to kill and clean out the millions and billions of germs that are nesting, breeding, feeding, thriving in your nose and throat and filling these parts with their disgusting, poisonous, health-destroying filth.



You cough and hawk all day to keep your throat and nose cleared out, but what happens at night? Do you think the poisonous mucous all remains in your throat till morning when you wake up and spit it out? Don't fool yourself. A lot of it does collect in your throat, true enough, but a lot of it also gets **DOWN YOUR THROAT AND INTO YOUR STOMACH.**

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Do you realize that Catarrh is really a serious affection? That it is responsible for much ill health. Do you realize that nasal catarrh, which is so common, is only the beginning,—a danger signal of threatening trouble ahead?

Do you realize that the hawking, spitting and other disagreeable and offensive symptoms may be forerunners of catarrh of the stomach and bowels?

I have been through a long, miserable siege of this affection and I know what it is. I have been its victim and I can sympathize with anyone who is now its victim.

Is it any wonder that after suffering its most frightful and disgusting tortures, after seeing my friends shun me as they would a leper, after having tried everything under the sun, after having been through it from the first mild symptoms to the stage where it undermined my health, destroyed my happiness and made my life miserable, is it any wonder I say, **IS IT ANY WONDER** that I feel like shouting, yes **SCREAMING** the glad news to every Catarrh sufferer in the world, and telling everybody of the simple, easy painless way in which I was finally cured, after all else failed?

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My breath was awful. I got so I couldn't eat, nothing tasted good, in fact I just about lost my sense of taste and also my sense of smell. I sniffled and I hawked and I spat continually until I was ashamed, but what could I do? My friends avoided me.

I felt filthy and loathsome. My food would not digest. I was weak, had headaches and was half-sick all the time. I was melancholy, had the blues, lost ambition and felt like sneaking off in some obscure corner of the world away from everybody.

I Waited Too Long

I tried first one thing, then another, but temporary relief was all I found. I would be better for a few days, then worse again. Then by what seemed the merest luck, I found the simple, easy, wonderful means by which I was absolutely cured. The very first day I felt that my deliverance was at hand because the effect was absolutely different from anything else I ever used. And O, the relief. The English language has no word to express the joy I felt. Almost before I realized it, every symptom of catarrh was gone. My head was clear, there was no more dripping in my throat, no more headaches, no more bad taste, no more bad breath, I felt fine.

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The invitations, quaintly decorated with old-fashioned lads and lasses in water-colors of dainty tints, read that they were to come together to celebrate the birthday of "The Father of His Country." The wise little woman did not ask her invited guests to come in costume, nor did she or her brother, who received with her, welcome them as George and Martha, as they thought to do so would make the affair more of an exaggeration than in any way true to the period which they meant to represent.

The decorations were suggestive, and in many ways followed out charmingly the patriotic nature of the observance, the walls being lavishly decorated with starry flags arranged with taste and pleasing effect. In a conspicuous place, side by side, hung pictures of General and Lady Washington, while the globes over the gas jets were covered with red shades, thus making a soft, subdued light.

In the dining room the table had many hints of the anniversary occasion; in the center a circle of low candlesticks held candles burning under tricolored shades. The guest cards were miniature hatchets tied with yellow ribbons, the club colors. Beside every plate was a three-cornered hat of spun sugar filled with candied cherries, and the ices were in national colors, with two or more Jacqueminot roses beside every serving. The decorations and refreshments all showed the exquisite taste of the hostess.

Before leaving the table, and while standing, the "Star-Spangled Banner" was enthusiastically sung, after which the guests returned to the parlor, where several games in keeping with the occasion

were introduced. In the first place, the hostess pinned on each individual present a card bearing an appropriate pen sketch and a printed name of some man or woman prominent in Revolutionary times. She informed them that for one-half hour they must talk of nothing else but the leading events in the lives of those persons. All entered heartily into the spirit of this diversion, as most of the participants were earnest students of the history of that time, and so interested did they all become that now and then a remark would be followed by a general discussion, so that the half hour lengthened into a much longer time.

Before the evening silhouettes of those present had been procured without giving any reason for doing so. After seating the company these were exhibited one at a time, and the person first guessing whose likeness was shown was handed a slip of paper, and the one having the most of these papers after all the pictures had been disposed of received a photograph of George Washington.

Another amusement greatly enjoyed was the guessing of "Colonial personages." Some one described a person of Revolutionary fame in a way which was difficult to guess, although carefully keeping strictly to the truth, yet giving the less prominent rather than the more important and well-known happenings in their hero's life. Whenever a name was spoken of which none were able to identify, each one asked a question, and were answered by an additional fact to every inquiry. At the end of this most interesting game the young woman who had the good luck to guess the most characters described was presented with a statuette of George and Martha Washington.

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Burdened with incompetent generals, harassed by the inaction of the army, and an impatient Congress and nation, Abraham Lincoln, with wisdom and patience, brought the American people triumphantly through its greatest vicissitudes. From the bombardment of Fort Sumter, battle of Shiloh, Manassas, Antietam, Chancellorsville, the magnificent victory for the Northern troops at Gettysburg, the siege of Vicksburg, Chickamauga, the terrible battle of the Wilderness, Sherman's conquering march to the sea, to the fall of Richmond, was a four-years battle, when victory for the Union ended the mighty struggle and peace was declared. Thrice-glorious peace spread her mantle over the Blue and the Gray.

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Lincoln's famous Gettysburg address, though a model for brevity, is a classic that will live as long as our nation lasts. Thousands will read it on his birthday. We reprint it here for our readers:

"We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or to detract. The world will very little note nor long remember what we say here; but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work that they have thus far so nobly carried on. From these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion. We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

"The hero Abraham Lincoln had two chief qualities—conscience and decision." "Once convinced of duty, nothing could turn him aside." "If this country cannot be saved without this principle of liberty," he said, "I would rather be assassinated on the spot than surrender it."

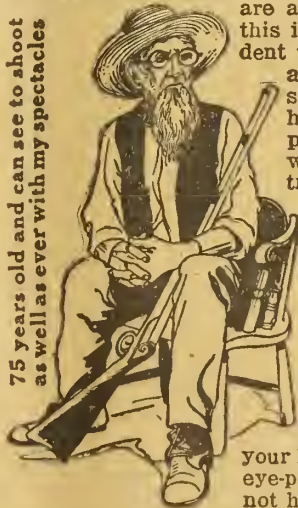
One of his noblest traits was earnest helpfulness; nothing was too trivial or insignificant to win his attention.



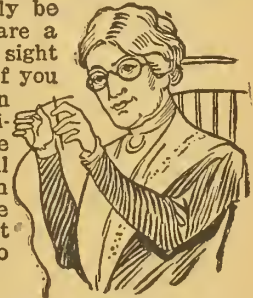
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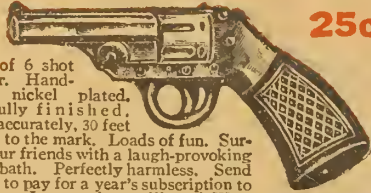
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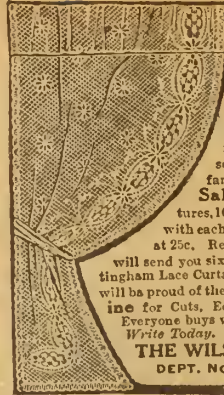
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"Well," replied Willie, "I can sleep on my back."

"She is an extraordinary woman, you know. She paints, plays, rides horseback, boxes, plays football, golf, and is an aviator. It is too bad. If I knew how to darn my own socks, I should marry her."

"Feyther," said little Mickey, "wasn't it Patrick Hinry that said, 'Let us have peace?'"
"Never!" said old Mickey. "Nobody be th' name of Patrick iver said annything loike thot."—Ladies' Home Journal.

"I s'pose John is still takin' life easy," said the woman in the train.

"Yes," answered the woman who was carrying a bundle of clothes. "John has only got two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up and eat, and the other is that he has to give up eating to sleep."



NOT USED TO IT.

Silas Sourapple—"Is this the pleasant expression you want?"

Photographer—"Er—y-e-s."

Silas Sourapple—"Well, hurry up; it hurts my face."

"I trust you don't spend all your wages?"

"That I don't. I only spend two-thirds. Two-thirds is all."

"And the other third—you bank that, I suppose?"

"No; I do better than that with it. I give it to the wife to run the house."

"A great deal of what we call pleasure is largely imaginary," said the ready-made philosopher.

"I suppose so," replied the man who was working on his automobile.

"Now, wouldn't you like to be able to take a long ride without having to worry about speed-limits or spark-plugs or tires or anything at all?"

"I should say so!"

"Well, here's a street-car ticket."

Two gentlemen were driving in a wagonette when a spark from a cigar set fire to some straw at the bottom of the carriage. The flames soon drove them from their seats. A countryman who had been following them on horseback, alighted to assist. "I have been watching the smoke for some time," said he.

"Why, then, did you not give us notice?" asked the astonished travelers.

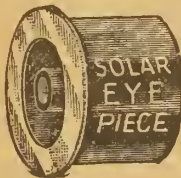
"Well," responded the man, "there are so many newfangled notions nowadays, I thought you were going by steam."

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room. "An' after him doin' such grand work all the year."

"Why, Mrs. Flaherty," replied the teacher, "you must know better than that. I've sent you his report cards every month and you know that his marks have been nearly all 'D's'."

"Indade they have, and yit you say he can't pass. I don't understand it, mum."

"I am afraid you don't understand our system of marking. 'D' means deficient, you know."

"Sure I don't know phat that may be, mum, but Jimmie told me all about the letters. Sure, 'D' is dandy, 'C' is coking, 'B' is bum, an' 'A' is awful—an' he's got 'C's' an' 'D's' ivery month."—Harper's Magazine.

Hokus—"Fludub seems to have a wonderful opinion of his knowledge."

Pokus—"I should say he has. Why, I have actually heard him attempt to argue with his son, who is in his freshman year at college."—Lippincott's.

A Highlander was wrapped in gloom. A friend asked the cause, and was at last reluctantly informed: "It's that mon McTavish! He called me a liar!" His friend tried to console him, explaining that many a man had been called a liar and was none the worse for it. The gloomy one, however, roused suddenly, and with some heat explained, "But I tell ye, mon, he proved it!"

"John, have you solved the problem?" asked the teacher.

"No, sir," replied the boy.

"How old are you, John?"

"Sixteen," was the answer.

"Sixteen!" repeated the instructor. "Sixteen, and can't solve that! Why, sir, at your age George Washington was surveying the estate of Lord Fairfax!"

After the class was dismissed, John said to a classmate, "Washington was a surveyor when he was as old as I am, but when he was as old as Mr. C—," referring to their teacher, "he was President of the United States."

STRIFE.

Dear Sweet Thing—"Aren't you feeling well?" Steady—"No; I ate German noodle soup and French fried potatoes for supper, and they won't arbitrate."

LOGICAL AND SCRIPTURAL.

"Why, Jacky, open the door, and let Katie in. Don't you see it's raining?" cried Jacky's mother.

"Can't, mamma," said Jacky. "We are playing Noah's Ark. I'm Noah, and Katie is the sinners; and she must stay out in the wet."

SUSPECTED.

York County Farmer (bursting into the village inn)—"What d'ye think, Silas? The bones of a prehistoric man have been found on Jim White's farm!"

Innkeeper—"Great guns! I hope poor Jim'll be able to clear himself at the coroner's inquest."

A PRECISION.

At a dinner some time ago President Wilson happened to speak of a certain statistician whose figures, he said, were so precise that they tend to arouse suspicion. In this connection he was reminded of an American sugar planter in Hawaii, who, in showing a friend about the place, took him to the edge of a volcano. "That crater, George," said he, "is exactly 70,004 years old."

"But why the four," asked George.

"Oh," he replied, "I've been here four. It was 70,000 when I came."

THE FRESHMAN'S COMPLIMENT.

A certain college president was entertaining a freshman at dinner, when the conversation turned upon football. To the student's surprise, the president displayed a thorough familiarity with the game, and proceeded to discuss it as earnestly as though it had been Greek or mathematics. Indeed, his treatment of the topic brought out so many points that the freshman had overlooked that the youth was moved to remark to his hostess:

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NOT HER GRUDGE.

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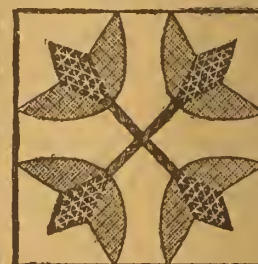
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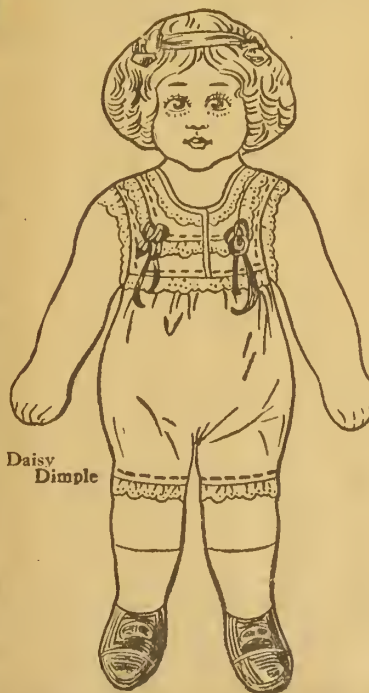
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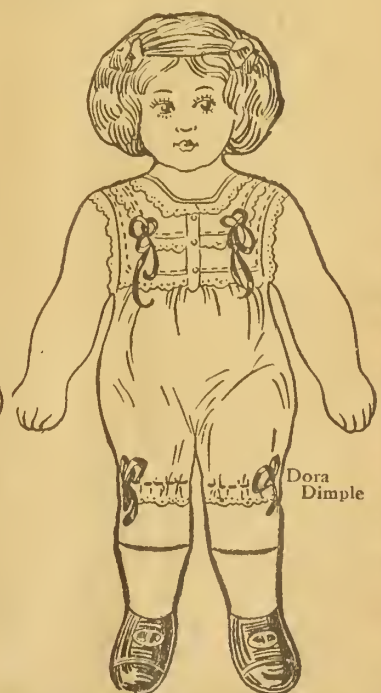
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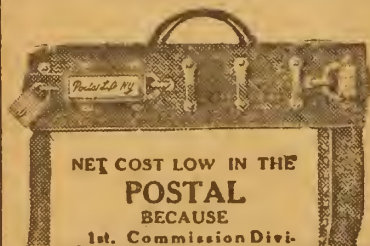
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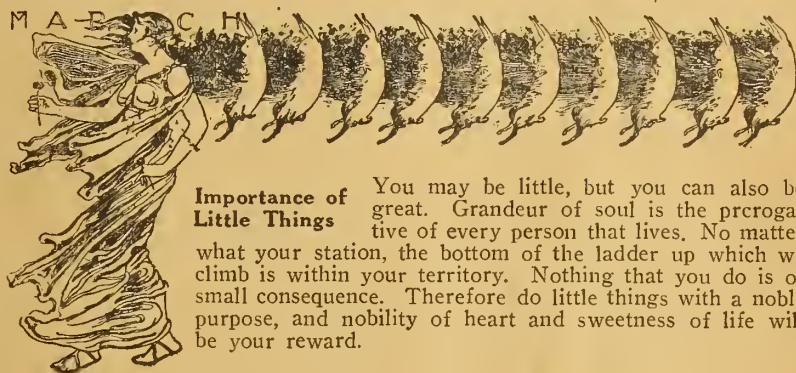
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Importance of Little Things

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Wise Resting for Best Working

Wise resting is often the best preparation for the greatest results in working. There are times when a nap of fifteen minutes would give a person better preparation for efficient service, in his line of work or business, than would an hour of tired studying. And many a mother who sits up late at night in order to finish her day's work would have less work behindhand if she went to bed earlier.

Many Great Conventions

Arrangements have already been made for the meetings of more than four hundred National and International conventions at San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition this year, and it is expected that the number will be increased to over five hundred such conventions. These gatherings are expected to bring about one million people to the exposition, and will largely contribute towards its success.

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Don't Indulge in Slander

The most cowardly thing we can do is to attempt to crush out the very life of another by hints and low insinuations. There are those who cannot see a good deed done without attributing to it a bad or selfish motive. Wrapping themselves up in a mantle of self-righteousness, they sit in judgment on their fellow-mortals and dig and probe, no matter how much it may hurt. No matter if they inflict a sting that may crush a life—how they gloat in almost fiendish delight when "they say" brings a whispered tale a shade darker than before. Slander is envy's favorite child. It knows no honor, and the temptation to have a part in it should be conquered by all good people.

Fault Finding

It is very easy to find fault, and still easier to get the habit. We are a class are very sharp-sighted. The faculties of observation appear to be strained almost in their exercise, and we have only to stand off and look at our friends and neighbors to find a good many things that are awry in their make-up and expression. Even children seem to become adepts early in their criticism of others. Their ideas are chiefly borrowed, but nevertheless they are often disagreeably pronounced in their criticism. It would be far better to develop our minds in the line of seeing and appreciating those qualities in our friends and neighbors that are good. This means cultivation of that insight and discernment which employ the sympathies. Thus, people we love best are they who see the good in others rather than the imperfect, and speak of it frequently. They are the genial, kindly, sunny ones that make life charming; while your carping, querulous, fault-finding persons who do not draw attention to excellencies are no encouragement and stimulus to helpful effort. Most people of intelligence are aware of their defects, and to be told of their good qualities strengthens effort to overcome their weakness and vices of disposition. The disposition to see the good in others is worth more than money or beauty, and, as one has said, "It is a perpetual joy to the possessor, while it brightens the soul of every one that may come within the circle of its influence."

"Son Mollie"

By HOPE DARING

"HOW is your wife today, Mr. Kelly?"

"Very much as she was yesterday. She had a bad night."

"Humph! At her age it's hardly likely she'll rally." And John Harper, who really meant to be sympathetic, looked away from his neighbor. "I see you are waiting for the train. Expecting any one?"

"Mollie is coming home."

"Mollie? Why, her school hain't out, is it?"

"The holiday vacation commences next week. But, of course, she—"

"Now, neighbor Kelly," oracularly interrupted Mr. Harper, "I always told you it was a mistake the way you brung up Mollie. You let her come here to school till she graduated. Then she got that place to teach at Granville last fall. Forty dollars a month is a lot for a girl to earn, but she'll never be one bit of good to you. Even now—"

The whistling of the incoming train cut short his discourse. Mr. Kelly hurried forward, and the next moment was holding a plump little figure dressed all in brown in his arms.

"How is she, father?"

"No better. The doctor says with good care she will regain her speech and the partial use of her hand and foot. Oh, Mollie, no one but God knows how it makes my old heart ache to see her lie there with no sign of life save her great dark eyes!"

Mollie Kelly felt her old care-free girlhood slipping from her as she stood there under the gray December sky. And feeling this, there came to her that sweetest of all womanly gifts, the maternal, comforting spirit.

She pressed her father's hand close between her own as she said, "Poor father! She shall have the good care. Together we will nurse her back to health."

Then Mr. Kelly hurried away after the horse, and they were soon on their way. During the drive Mollie learned that the doctor had insisted on a trained nurse to care for her mother. Also that her cousin Laura, the daughter of Mr. Kelly's brother, was doing the work for the family.

The first sign of consciousness shown by Mrs. Kelly since her paralytic stroke, two days before, was when her daughter bent over the bed and tenderly kissed her. The doctor was present and keenly watching Mollie. He half expected a scene. The young girl grew very pale, but retained entire control over herself, soothing the sick woman with loving gentleness.

The next day the doctor consented to Mollie's taking the place of the nurse. The relatives of the Kellys, especially "Aunt Manda," Laura's mother, questioned the wisdom of giving so grave a responsibility into the hands of a girl "who don't know nothing but school-books." However, Dr. Greaves, who had known Mollie since her birth, so emphatically forbade any interference in the sick room with Mollie's authority that even Mrs. Manda dared not disobey.

Two weeks passed by. While there was a decided improvement in Mrs. Kelly, the utmost care and vigilance were still required.

She laid her hand on his lips. "I cannot leave mother, even if a nurse could take my place, and Dr. Greaves thinks a change would be harmful. You would have to pay her ten dollars a week, just what I earn."

"It is not the money, child," Mr. Kelly said. "Your being here is everything to me, but mother and I always wanted to give you the best of a chance."

"Could anything be better than this? I spoke of the money, father, because I have always wanted to help you as much as a son would. You remember you used to call me 'son Mollie.'"

In a short time Mrs. Kelly was able to sit up part of the time. Mollie then began to oversee the housekeeping, much to Laura's disgust.

"I know jest how things ought to be done a heap better than you do, Mollie," she declared one afternoon when Mollie insisted on the pantry being cleaned. "Hain't I helped your ma for the last three summers, jest fur an accommodation. Of course, I hain't a hired girl."

"That puts a different face on things," Mollie said, standing on tiptoe to sweep down a cobweb. "If you are not a hired girl, if you do not expect pay for your services, I would not think of asking you to clean the pantry. But I heard your mother ask father for your wages last night. If you are a hired girl, you may set bread to-night—make only half the quantity you usually do. It gets too dry. I am going to make sugared doughnuts. You have half starved us, Laura."

Miss Laura Kelly retreated to the pantry, slamming the door behind her. She was a dejected-looking maiden of twenty-six, tall, lank, with faded blue eyes, and red hair which was always in curl papers.

Mollie was busy over her doughnuts when her father, his coat and hat frosted with snow, entered.

"Sit down," she cried, merrily, "and see if my doughnuts are not almost as good as mother's."

Mr. Kelly obeyed, his wrinkled face beaming with contentment. It seemed so good to him to see Mollie intent on household duties.

"Father," she said, as he broke the second cake, "why can't you put up ice for the butter next summer in that old tenant house? Did I not hear you say you thought of selling one of the cows?"

"Yes. There are five, and your mother thought she could manage. But you and Laura can't."

OUR BABY

There's something new at our house, I'm s'prised you didn't know it.

It makes papa awful proud, although he hates to show it. The thing is not so very big, but money couldn't buy it; If any fellow thinks it could, I'd like to see him try it.

It's half a dozen things at once—a dove, a love, a flower; Mama calls it a hundred names, and new ones every hour;

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It puckers up its wee, wee mouth, as if it meant to whistle; A gold mine weighed against it then were lighter than a thistle; Papa said so the other night, I thought it sounded splendid, And said it to myself until I fell asleep, and ended.

Of course you've guessed it by this time, our gift that came from heaven; Mama declares the darling thing was by the angels given; But then some folks are very slow, and some are stupid; I ought to say, right straight and plain, come home and see our baby!

—Margaret E. Sangster.

Late one afternoon Mollie left her mother sleeping, and entered the sitting room. Her face had lost some of its wild-rose bloom during the days and nights of anxious watching. Mollie's eyes were brown, and had a habit of looking straight into the face of the person she addressed. Her hair was a shade darker than her eyes. She had firm red lips and a dimpled chin.

She stood, her hands clasped before her, gazing in the huge fire that crackled and roared in the old-fashioned fireplace. On hearing her father's step, she turned.

"Sit down, father," she said, drawing his arm-chair up to the fire. "Mother is sleeping, and I have been writing to Mr. Hardy, the president of the school board at Granville. I have resigned my position."

"Why, Mollie, you must not do that."

"Does butter pay?" she asked, deftly rolling her crisp, brown cakes in the sugar.

"Most the best of anything on the farm."

"Did not Mr. Harper want you to take a cow for what he owes you?"

"Yes; and if I get anything I'll have to. Perhaps I can sell her, though cows are cheap."

Mollie carefully lifted her kettle of lard to the table, and sat down by her father.

"I can make butter," she said, nodding her head. "Take the cow of Mr. Harper, and that will make six. We have a good churn. Let that young German, Carl Verner, come tomorrow and cut ice for you."

"Don't you suppose Algernon would like the work?"

"Doubtless he would like the pay and let you do the work. I don't want you to work so hard, father."

In a few moments Mr. Kelly went back to the barn. The pantry door had been ajar. Laura now emerged.

"I don't know what you air thinkin' of, Mollie Kelly," she began. "Six cows! I can't do the work for 'em, I want you to understand that."

"All right," Mollie replied, cheerily. "If you have the pantry cleaned you may

place, as the agricultural papers advise," Mollie said, gravely. "Let me raise all the calves this year, and keep those young pigs you talked of selling."

"Do you think it will be best, Mollie, 'son Mollie?" and with the old pet name the farmer's worn face brightened. "Oh, child, I wish you knew how good it seems to talk things over with you! I am glad you are a girl, just the girl you are, for no one but a daughter could have cared for mother as you have. And, Mollie, you are more comfort and help to me than a boy could be."

There was a long silence. Mollie went and sat on the arm of her father's chair and rested her head against his shoulder.

"Thank you, father, for those words," she said, her brown eyes swimming in tears. "I would rather have the memory of them than a college diploma."

Two days after this conversation there was consternation in the home of Thomas Kelly. Algernon had learned at the village that Carl Verner and his sister Bertha were to work the following summer for Mollie's father.

Algernon and Laura had for several summers worked for their uncle. They always demanded good wages, and as they worked "for an accommodation," and

The balmy days of May came, and Mrs. Kelly improved rapidly. All things at the farm were at their best.

In the kitchen Bertha presided—stout, ruddy-cheeked Bertha—her blue calico sleeves rolled above the elbows of her strong arms, her head almost bowed under its weight of flaxen braids. She had spent the summer before in the kitchen of a capable housekeeper, so Mollie found her own lack of knowledge often supplemented by Bertha's skill.

Out of doors the change was even greater. Mr. Kelly was surprised by the amount of work done by merry Carl, and found much less "day help" needed than in former years. They found time to work among the berries and small fruit; the garden was in early and free from weeds, and Mollie's chickens and calves prospered.

As for Mollie herself, she never found time to miss the round of social and educational duties that had filled her days. There were many young people in the community, and the village where her school days had been spent was distant only an hour's drive. She had plenty of books, papers and magazines, but it was through Bertha that one of Mollie's pleasures came about.



Bright Bed of Tulips in Boston Public Garden

bring up a basket of Tallman Sweets and get them ready to bake."

"What did you mean 'bout brother Algernon?" Laura asked, angrily.

"Oh, you listened to that, too. Well, I meant that Carl does twice the work Algernon does for the same pay. I am going to read to mother now. You keep a good fire, and I will come and make cream toast for supper."

The following week Mollie discharged Laura. "Aunt Manda" tried to argue with her, but Mollie said she had engaged Carl Verner's mother to come each week and wash.

"I can do the rest until there is more milk and hired help. I am glad to save father's three dollars a week."

Mollie began to read up about chickens in the agricultural papers, and soon had several hens sitting. She had a long talk with her father concerning financial matters. She learned that while the farm was clear from mortgage and there were no debts, it was growing harder each year to meet expenses. Mr. Kelly also said that the low price of grain threatened him with still further embarrassment.

"Then raise less grain or feed it on the

were both "weakly," the result had been that Mr. and Mrs. Kelly had done by far the greater part of their own work.

Mrs. Manda hurried over to interview her husband's brother. He was not at home, and she received little satisfaction from Mollie.

"Father cannot do so much hard work himself," she said, plainly. "Then Laura told me she would not do the work there is to be done here. I am sure we have the right to do what is for our own good. No, you are not going in to vex mother about it," and Mollie slipped between her aunt and the sitting-room door.

"Mollie Kelly, how dare you speak to me like that?"

"I will tell you how I'll dare!" Mollie came a step closer, her eyes glowing like coals. "You know that Dr. Greaves has said mother's life depended upon her freedom from excitement. I would dare anything, even personal violence, to keep you from annoying her."

Mrs. Manda saw her niece was in earnest, and departed, still very angry. Mollie cried a little when she was alone. But she soon wiped her eyes, and prepared her father's favorite beef stew for dinner.

One day Bertha asked Mollie to address an envelope for her. She was proficient in German, but confessed that she could not write English.

"I am ashamed," she said, the blood staining her fair cheek. "Gretchen, my little sister, goes to school, and last winter she taught me to read a little English. Some day I shall learn to write it."

Mollie thought the matter over. The result was she began teaching Bertha, and in return received help from the latter in the study of German. This had not been included in her high-school course, but while teaching she had been a member of a German class.

There was little leisure time, yet they managed to accomplish a great deal. They learned to have a book open while they brushed their hair or ironed. They soon came to enjoy each other's company. Mollie never tired of hearing of Bertha's German home or her journey to America. While to the foreign girl the other's accounts of school life were more interesting than fairy tales.

When the June days began to paint the cherries on the many trees around Mollie's home with carmine, and the early

raspberries began to ripen, Mrs. Manda began to grow more friendly.

"Shall I come over this week after berries, Mollie?" she called out one Monday morning, driving her old horse as near as possible to the line where Mollie was hanging out the week's wash. "And the cherries—why, some one is picking the early ones."

"Yes; I hired Freddie Myers for today. I promised Mr. Harmon that he should have three bushels of cherries this afternoon. The later ones will not do until next week. Then I shall be glad of as many pickers, to pick on shares, as I can get. As for the berries, Bertha and I can manage all that will ripen this week. The early ones will bring the best price."

There was a pause. Mollie was quaking with something much like fear. Her parents had never thought of selling the fruit, and Mrs. Manda had always helped herself to the best.

"Do you mean you air goin' to sell the cherries and berries? Why, Mollie Kelly, I should think you would be ashamed of yourself!"

Mollie pushed back her bonnet and faced her aunt. "Why not sell fruit as well as grain? Aunt Manda, father needs the money. Instead of being ashamed, I am proud that I can help him."

Mrs. Kelly was too astonished to reply. She started for home, and Mollie went on with her work.

The next two weeks were busy ones at the Kelly farm house. Cherries, currants and raspberries, both black and red ones, were delivered at the village every day. Bertha's widowed mother and little sister helped, taking their pay in fruit, and many of the cherries were picked on shares.

Work in the house was lightened a little by the proprietor of a summer hotel a few miles away contracting with Mollie for a gallon of cream every day. He was also to take fruit, eggs, as many vegetables as they could spare and the young chickens.

Mrs. Manda and Laura waited ten days. Then they drove up one afternoon with three pails.

"The berries were all picked this morning," Mollie said, coming down stairs neat and cool-looking in her black skirt and pink shirt-waist. "If you want cherries, you can pick in those trees by the well. I am going to the village with two bushels of cherries and thirty quarts of berries."

"Humph!" It was Mrs. Manda's sole reply.

"Stay to supper, both of you," Mollie went on, cordially. "I am going to have red raspberry shortcake."

Niether of them thanked her. However, when she returned she found her invitation had been accepted.

"Are you not going to take part of those cherries?" Bertha asked in a subdued voice, nodding toward the pails, which had been left on the porch.

"Yes, I am, if I get a chance," Mollie replied, compressing her red lips. "I don't believe I am really selfish, Bertha. I do not care for the value of the cherries, but I want to let my uncle's family know the day is past when they can use father solely for their own benefit. See how he has been imposed on in the way of hired help. Poor mother, too! I sometimes think if she had had such help as you are last year she might have escaped this long illness. Uncle Thomas never raises fruit, and he is younger and stronger than father. Father has always pastured his stock

and furnished him with farm machinery. But his reign is over."

"And that of 'son Mollie' has commenced," said her father, who, unperceived, had entered the room. "You have opened my eyes. God bless you, child!"

Mollie's shortcake was a success, although when her aunt began on her third piece she said:

"It's too bad you will use baking powder, Mollie. No one can make a good shortcake with it."

After supper Carl brought around the horse of Mrs. Kelly. It was not until she picked up her pail that she said:

"You hain't took your share of these here cherries, Mollie."

Mollie hesitated. Plainly her aunt did not expect her to do it, and it did seem small. Still, to retreat now meant defeat. One moment, and she stooped for the pail.

"Too bad to keep you waiting," she said, blithely. "It will take only a moment."

Mrs. Manda's face flushed. "Maybe you better take 'em all," she said, savagely; but Mollie was at the other side of the kitchen, and if she heard, made no reply.

After the expenses of picking the fruit were paid, thirty dollars remained from the sale of it. The proprietor of the hotel continued to take the cream until late

in September. He paid a good price for early apples, the few fine pears they could spare, and a part of the grape crop. The rest of the grapes were carefully shipped to the city, and netted the Kellys a neat sum.

Mollie's wisdom in urging her father to keep the pigs was manifest when pork brought a good price. Mr. Kelly had never made as much money in one year before, and his farm was in better shape than for a long time. Plans were laid to keep more cows another year, and a variety of small fruit was to be put out.

Mrs. Kelly's health had continued to improve. It was evident she would never be strong, but she was free from pain and able to do some light work.

"Farming is not the vocation for which I was educated," Mollie said to her friend Mabel Joy, who visited her at holidays; "but I am needed here. We will make more money than if I taught, hired my board and mother kept a girl all the year. I feel, too, that I am not filling the place of some girl who must earn her living and has no home. I am happy, and I make my parents so. We have good society. Now that we have organized a Chautauqua reading circle, I shall keep up a regular course of study. So, Mabel, I have found my 'sphere.' It is the junior membership in the firm of Farmer Kelly and Son Mollie."



NOT far from the point where Rock River plunges into the open arms of the great Father of Waters a dreamy little island rests on the bosom of the smaller stream. Calmly looking down upon it from the northern shore is the Watch Tower, named for old Chief Black Hawk. From the summit of this huge bluff his far-seeing eyes once swept the prairies mile after mile for the signs which might indicate the nearness of a foe. At its base was the Sac village over which he presided, and here was born a romance, the melancholy outcome of which has so twined itself about those haunts of the red men as to attract the interested attention of the many who visit the place and listen to the tale of love and tragedy.

It began in the winter of 1827. Almaguaka, a young Sioux hunter, far from his tribe and separated from his companions, found to his dismay that he was lost on the prairies of Illinois in a smothering, swirling snow storm. He struggled on for hours in what he hoped was the direction leading to his home village, but in vain. All the old landmarks were blotted out by the furies of the King of the Northland. He could see only one wild, fluttering sheet of white, stinging and blinding him as it fell about him. He dared not stop, tired and worn as he was, else this feathery mass would quickly form his shroud. Suddenly he stumbled down a slight incline, and knew instinctively that instead of the snow-covered ground he was now on ice. The wind cut him as with many knives, but ahead the faint, barren outlines of forest trees seemed to beckon him on. Anything was welcome after that long tramp over the deserted, wind-blown

prairie. He struck out across the ice, and soon found himself at the end of a small island.

A lodge, dark and lonely, stood near the ice's edge, and into this he hurried for rest. He could not stay long without food or fire, but it was a relief to be out of the huriling wind and pelting snow even for a moment. His spirits rose as the rushing blood in his veins began to flow more calmly. He looked out at the entrance to the lodge, and through the flying snowflakes could see the bleak form of a bluff. Surely there must be help somewhere near. He would climb to the top of that huge crest, and from there he might be able to distinguish some signs of life before his strength utterly left him.

Across the remaining ice and up the scraggy cliff side he struggled, walking or crawling as best he could until he reached its summit. The Great Spirit be praised! There below him, huddled together as if for companionship during this mighty blizzard, were the lodges of an Indian village, pouring their warm smoke up to him through the tree tops. He hurried toward them, shouting as he went. Out from several the old warriors and young braves darted to meet him. He was from a tribe they hated, and with which they were frequently at war, but these people of the past knew the courtesies of hospitality, and with kindest hearts received him as one of themselves. The Sac squaws and maidens prepared warm, nourishing food for him, and the men of the tribe did their best to make him feel at home among them while he tarried.

The Storm King failed to recall his forces for many days, and Almaguaka

stayed on with his new acquaintances the remainder of the winter, not attempting to return to his home.

Among the maidens of the tribe was one Wonacome, the fair daughter of an old warrior. To the love making of the young braves of her own people she had always turned away displeased. Now, however, her eyes feasted on the sturdy form and smiling features of this stranger who had come to them on the breath of the north wind. The spirit of love had entered her breast and kindled a glowing fire in her heart.

And what of Almaquaka? He knew the old warrior, her father, would sooner listen to the Great Spirit call his daughter than permit her to become the bride of one of the hated Sioux race, enemies of the Sacs for so long. Yet he loved her with all the wild strength of his young manhood, and he vowed that some day she should be his own.

Day after day they pledged their love for each other and planned for the time when he should come to carry her away to his own home, until all too soon the day of parting came. The snows were melting away, the young Sacs were preparing to start on their hunt for beavers and muskrats, and soon the rest of the villagers would be off to the sugar camps. There was no longer an excuse for accepting their hospitality. So he left Wonacome, her eyes glistening with tears of love and hope, and made his way back to his own tribe.

How feverishly he planned and worked that all might be in readiness for his bride! How slowly the weeks dragged by! But at last his plans were carried out, and the hot, sultry days of July found him near the bluffs of Rock River once more. What a transformation since his visit there!

He cautiously makes his way through the woods to the edge of the field where the women of the village are busily at work hoeing the corn. From the thick branches of a tree he scans the faces of the workers in his search for Wonacome, and he presently discovers her hoeing silently in the midst of the field. But her mother is near her, so he must wait with what patience he may. The heat of the day is intense, and the air is slowly becoming more and more heavy and sickening. A storm must be brooding in the sky above. One by one the women finish their rows and go back to the village, glad to escape the searching rays of the sun. At last his chance has come. Only Wonacome is near that end of the field. Even her mother has gone back to the lodge.

A low, thrilling whistle reaches the ears of Wonacome. She raises her head to listen. Again she hears it—that signal. Ah! surely it must be her lover. She hastens her work, gradually going nearer and nearer the edge of the forest. But Almaquaka can wait no longer. With a bound he reaches her side, pouring out his joy and love in glowing words, sweet indeed to the heart of the girl who looks up at him so trustingly. Their meeting must be short or she may be missed, so promising to return to him as quickly as possible, she hastens back to the village.

Hurriedly rolling up her blanket, she watches for an opportunity to slip away to her lover, but always there seems some one near. Overhead dark, menacing clouds are gathering. The thunder god has loosed his minions, and the arms of the lightning flash furiously. At last through the storm she darts out toward

the spot where her lover awaits her, but the prying eyes of a brother have seen her slipping away, and summoning another brother, the two follow stealthily at a distance behind the fleeing girl. They witness the rapturous greeting which Almaquaka gives her, and the full import of this meeting dawns upon them. Rushing back to their lodge, they seize their weapons, and are soon on the trail of the unsuspecting lovers. The barrels of their guns shine out cruel and sickening in the lightning's flashes. Their cunning faces are distorted with hate for this son of the Sioux, and vows of terrible vengeance escape their lips.

The rain now mingles with the thunder's roar and lightning's flash, and Wonacome leads her lover to a cave in the bluff's side for shelter. Turning to gaze with admiring eyes upon the weird beauties of the storm, Wonacome and Almaquaka are startled to see her brothers coming rapidly toward them, satisfaction at the quick ending of their hunt showing in every move.

But hark! What is that crashing, quivering, breaking sound, the terrific noise of which reaches to the lodges beyond?

Too late are the would-be vengeance wreakers. The unused guns fall from their trembling hands. Into his own all-powerful arms the Great Spirit has

ONLY A ROBIN

A group of friends by twos and threes
Went strolling 'neath the shady trees;
What joy their voices did create,
As each his tale had to relate.

No care they knew, no burdens bore,
As free as air were they,
Until among the brush, behold
A wounded robin lay.

Praise him, for human sympathy
In every heart sure found;
The childish murmurs summoned more,
Whose help came tenderly.

A foot was bound,
A cage was bought,
And food and drink were quickly brought;
Why, better care was never found.

Only a robin, and yet they say
He watches o'er them day by day,
Tenderly caring for every need;
'Tis he will record this golden deed.

clasped the lovers. No one shall separate them now. In death, at least, they are united. The lightning's arrow has done its work well. The rocks and trees about the mouth of the one-time cave are crushed and battered and broken, a huddled mass of ruin. The spirits of the lovers have gone together to a happy hunting ground where foes are unknown, their bodies entombed in a sepulcher of God's own making.

AVOIDING A QUARREL.

An organ grinder, we are told, appeared one day on a city street, accompanied by the usual bright little monkey. A big dog appeared at the same time and seriously objected to the presence of the monkey. The dog broke away from the children with whom he had been playing and made a dash for the stranger, growling furiously.

To the surprise of every one, the monkey did not seem the least bit afraid. He stood perfectly still in evident curiosity, waiting for the dog to come up to him. This disconcerted the dog at once, for he would much prefer to chase something that would run, and not stand its ground.

As soon as the dog was close beside the monkey, the funny little scarlet-coated creature courteously doffed his cap. Instantly there was a laugh from all the bystanders. The dog was non-plussed. His head dropped, his tail dropped between his legs, he looked like a whipped cur and not at all like the fine dog he really was. He turned and ran back home, and the laughing children could not persuade him to return. As for Jocko, he climbed upon his master's organ and went peacefully on his way.

Evidently, although only a monkey, he wanted no disagreement, and knew instinctively that it took two to make a quarrel.

SOME OF THE RESULTS OF PROHIBITION IN KANSAS.

Forty-eight counties did not send a prisoner to the penitentiary last year.

Eighty-seven did not send an insane patient to the asylum.

Fourteen called no jury to try a criminal case.

Fifteen have empty jails.

Thirty-eight have empty poorhouses.

Has the lowest death rate in America.

Bank deposits doubled in ten years.

Dun's and Bradstreet's financial agencies report that they are in the hands of many, not in those of a few.

Wall Street Journal declares its average holding of taxable property to be the largest in America.

Director Harris of the Census Bureau reported that its state debt decreased faster than other states.

Saves twenty dollars per head on expenditure for liquor for things worth while.

Candidates on election day buy printer's ink instead of beer; it is more wholesome and leaves fewer bad effects on the commonwealth.

Class poverty and class riches are eliminated in Kansas. If happiness and prosperity are ends to be desired, then Kansas has solved the problem of the ages.—William Allen White.

BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE.

Billy Bray, the Cornish miner whose rugged piety has been a blessing to so many of God's children, says that one year his crop of potatoes turned out poorly; and as he was digging them in the fall, Satan was at his elbow, and said, "There, Billy, isn't that poor pay for serving your Father the way you have all the year? Just see those small potatoes."

He stopped hoeing, and replied, "Ah, Satan, at it again; talking against my Father, bless his name! Why, when I served you I didn't get any potatoes at all. What are you talking against Father for?"

And on he went, hoeing and praising the Lord for small potatoes—a valuable lesson for us all.—D. W. Whittle.

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The Nestor Millions

Or True Love

By CLARA M. VANCE

"Well, really, Athol, I should never have believed any brother could be so selfish. It would need only a few thousand dollars for me to attain a musical education. And there is no way of my getting the money unless you marry the Nestor fortune, and yet you refuse," Miss Maudie sobbed in scornful reproach.

"And if I only had a few thousand dollars I could fit myself out so beautifully that I should soon be mistress of a house and fortune all my own. I am sure, Athol, I don't see how you can be so unkind and stubborn," said Miss Kathie, shooting an accusing glance at her brother from her handsome, angry eyes.

"Well, for myself I don't mind," said Athol's mother, a grand-looking little lady, with hair like shining silver. "But for the sake of our dear Jeanette, who must have expensive medical treatment or walk with a hateful crutch all her life, it does seem to me that you might be more reasonable, Athol. It is simple madness to throw away the Nestor millions."

"I can't throw away what has never been mine," was the grim reply.

He was a handsome young fellow, slender-limbed and broad-shouldered, with curly brown hair and laughing blue eyes, and with the healthful rose-and-snow complexion of a young girl.

"It is yours for the asking," his mother rejoined, significantly, "and before you decide irrevocably, my boy, remember the denials and sacrifices we have all made for you in the past."

With a stormy brow the young fellow sprang from his chair, snatched up his hat and rushed away from them and the house in silence.

And what charm could the Nestor millions have for him when he had the love of the dearest, sweetest creature this side of heaven?

As he strode onward the anger in those fine eyes changed to sadness, the indignation of the noble young face changed to a look of despondent grief.

"Heaven knows it is hard enough to refuse any of them anything, especially poor Jeanette," he said to himself. "And it will be years before I can help them very much from the income of my profession. I am weak-hearted enough at times almost to yield to their entreaties."

And then for a moment fancy pictured what his life would be like with Narine Farney—the millionaire bride his family had chosen for him.

Could he ever feel aught but aversion for that thin-lipped, saw-toothed young person, with her perpetual sneer, and her shrill, false tone?

But, then, other men just as good as he, no doubt, had formed just such obnoxious unions for the sake of interest before now, and would again, so long as the earth rolled around.

Content and plenty would gladden his mother's last years. Maudie and Kathie would have all the grandeur and splendor they coveted. And, more than all, the youngest and best-loved sister—poor,

pretty, patient Jeanette—could be made once more strong and happy.

It was a dazzling, a tempting picture.

At that moment he looked up to behold Dollie Larayne in the path before him, dressed in a charming walking suit of some pretty gray tint, trimmed with gray fox, and wearing a great gray, heavily-plumed hat.

At sight of her all his doubts and despondency were dissolved like gruesome night vapors before a rosy dawn.

Instantly he had become resolute instead of wavering; strength had replaced weakness.

He wondered that even for one brief moment he could have contemplated the renunciation of his love.

But he decided that it was best Dollie should be made aware of his family's whim concerning the Nestor millions.

And as they strolled onward together he managed to unfold the painful truth.

"It was best for you to know, darling, was it not? Otherwise some unforeseen misunderstanding might have come between us," he concluded anxiously.

Dollie's lovely face was averted, the luminous gray eyes were hidden by their sweeping fringe of dark lashes.

"You must reconcile yourself to the wishes of your family, I think. You will marry the Nestor millions, and in time you will be happy," she said, as they at length turned back toward the house.

It was an old-fashioned, substantial mansion of brick and red stone, overgrown with English ivy and set in the midst of extensive and park-like ground.

It was the ancestral home of a dear, quaint, little old spinster, who was fond of filling the picturesque and rambling house with guests at all seasons.

"I am a confirmed home body myself," she was wont to say, "but I like to have plenty of people about me—the more there are the merrier."

Dollie Larayne was one of her especial pets, and spent a considerable portion of each winter with her.

Narine Farney was a recent acquaintance, who had by chance accompanied some transient visitor.

The Delormes were connections through the marriage of the amiable spinster's only brother. She was greatly attached to them all, and they were frequently her guests.

Mrs. Delorme and her two daughters were still sitting in the quaint little parlor just as the indignant son and brother had left them.

Miss Farney had not returned from a morning drive; their hostess was superintending some domestic matter, and there was nobody to interrupt the family conference.

"That Dollie Larayne is the cause of Athol's obstinacy. Only for her we could manage him well enough," Maudie pouted.

"Well, she need not imagine she will ever be Athol's wife; I wouldn't listen to such a thing," Mrs. Delorme asserted, with considerable energy.

"I have quite set my heart on Narine;

she is so docile; she would also do everything exactly as we like," said Kathie, "and she is so modest; she never boasts about her money; she only alludes to it sometimes in an unassuming manner which is very charming."

"How fortunate it was we happened to discover she was an heiress. Nobody else here dreamed of such a thing," Maudie yawned behind her pretty Spanish fan.

"Well," said Mrs. Delorme, "I have made up my mind to speak to Miss Larayne. She leaves here in a day or two, and if she understands how we feel, that will end her interference."

It happened just then that Dollie tripped up the steps and entered the hall alone.

Athol had remained behind. He was at the side entrance assisting Miss Farney to alight from the carriage.

"My dear, I have something of much importance to say to you," Mrs. Delorme began in a tone of affected kindness as she drew the dainty figure across the threshold of the parlor.

She did not mean to be rude or cruel, but she uttered in that moment words which a little later she would have given worlds to recall.

And the lady seemed alike astonished and distressed when Dollie suddenly dropped into a chair, her lovely face white as death, and two big tears slowly creeping down her tender cheeks.

"Do you mean you regard me unworthy of Athol?" she said faintly.

"Oh, we haven't thought about that at all, you know," Kathie interposed loftily.

"It is only quite impossible you should ever enter the family," Maudie chimed in.

"You see, we have higher aims for him," Mrs. Delorme continued, "and of course no man in his senses would really choose a momentary fancy instead of a fortune like the Nestor millions."

"Oh!" gasped Dollie.

At that moment Athol, followed by Miss Farney, entered the room.

At the sight of those grieved tears he stepped to the side of his beloved and drew her toward him proudly, loyally, as if he would protect her against the world.

"What have you said to trouble her?" he demanded, with an indignant glance at his mother and sister. "Dollie is to be my wife, and whoever harms her can hold no friendship of mine."

For a moment Dollie gazed proudly at her loyal lover, and then, clinging to him shyly, laughing and crying together, she revealed the amazing fact that she, and not Narine Farney, was the heiress of the Nestor millions.

Even the hostess and Miss Farney had been ignorant of the truth, and the latter had only tacitly accepted an honor that had been forced upon her.

The three ladies bitterly repented their mistake, and lovely Dollie was too happy a wife not to pardon their error.

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While the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which opened in San Francisco February 20th, has neglected no department of human activity in her array of 60,000 contemporaneous exhibits, it is believed that in the line of horticultural, food and farm products she has achieved a record over all previous world expositions. First, there are 65 acres devoted to the first continuous live-stock show ever held, with half a million dollars to be expended in prizes; then come the two palaces of Agriculture and Food Products, with a floor area of twelve acres; an overflow agricultural machinery and forestry exhibit of three acres out of doors, a wonderland of landscape gardening possible nowhere else in America outside of sunny California, its limits practically co-extensive with the borders of the square mile of exposition grounds; and, finally, over ten acres of exhibits in the department of Horticulture.

Half the horticultural exhibits, the gardens, are out of doors, and the other half, five acres, are under the glass roof and domes of the crystal palace of Horticulture, the largest and most beautiful structure ever devoted to such a purpose at any exposition. About three acres within the building are devoted to commercial horticulture and pomology, mostly working exhibits of an educational character covering the practical processes of growing, grading, packing, canning and processing the many fruits and other horticultural products; and about two acres under the domes are given over to a display of wonderful tropical and sub-tropical fruit and ornamental trees and plants. Chief among the last named exhibits is that of the Republic of Cuba, which has brought 34 carloads of trees and plants, some of them 80 feet high, from her jungles and orchards. They occupy the place of honor beneath the largest glass dome in the world, covering an area of fully an acre.

That Cuba is expending her appropriation of over \$300,000 at the exposition in a way to attract the attention of the world to her resources and to her progress in the lines not only of horticulture, but of hygiene, education and agriculture, is apparent from an inspection of the exhibits now being installed in various departments. During January she shipped in about 24 carloads of rare tropic plants and fruit trees, in addition to the 11 carloads already in place in the Palace of Horticulture. These are set in circles around the kaleidoscopic light well under the big dome. They include about 20 tall Royal palms, the most beautiful members of the palm family in the world, four of these trees being 80 feet in height; coconut palms bearing nuts; large specimens of banana, mango, jackfruit, breadfruit, avocado (alligator pear), sapota, mamme apple, anona and guanabana

trees, all producers of delicious tropic fruits, the latter being the source of a most delicious soft drink, in great demand around the parque central of Havana.

Cuba's plant exhibit includes also rare bottle-shaped palms 25 feet tall, hundreds of gorgeous tree coleus and other foliage plants with leaves all colors of the rainbow, tropic vines which are being used to conceal the pillars and trusses, and two specimens of a rare sort of tree fern, the Nyrocycus, said to be nearly twice as old as the two \$8,000 arbor-vitae trees, now in the Japanese garden at the exposition, and which are said to be nearly one thousand years old, and only seven feet tall. Cuba is also making an extensive exhibit of her fruits and garden food products in the commercial section of this palace. While the expense of assembling and bringing the Cuban exhibit to the exposition was fully \$25,000, it is estimated by Chief George A. Dennison of the horticultural department that her tree and plant exhibit represents a cash value of over a quarter of a million dollars.

Hawaii also makes a splendid showing of tropical trees and plants, including eight different varieties of banana trees and many aquatics. Other complete aquatic exhibits—each occupying a large circular pool under the two secondary domes—by Wm. Dreer, of Philadelphia, and Wm. Walker, of New Jersey, are installed and growing lustily. Japan's exhibit, in addition to fruits and shrubs, includes two large pools of gold fish, on each side of the main entrance.

The three acres of commercial fruit and fruit products exhibits, in the western portion of this palace, made up largely of factories and packing plants in actual operation, are highly educational in character. From the big log pavilion of Oregon and the olive-oil mill and pickling plant to the complete laboratory and scientific canning factory of the National Cannery Association, each of the exhibits is shown in a special building, kiosk or pavilion of its own, making a veritable village within the great palace—a village full of vocational schoolhouses, as it were.

The keynote of the working exhibits is struck by the one last named. This has been installed by the national organization of fruit and vegetable canners, purely as an educational exhibit, with no commercial features, and occupies 6,000 square feet. Under the personal supervision of two of America's foremost pomological experts, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Biting, from the United States Government laboratories, who have spent eighteen months on the preliminary work, a complete working chemical laboratory and cannery will be in operation throughout the exposition period. The cans for this factory will be manufactured in the Palace of Machinery, and filled and sealed by up-to-date machinery, after the fresh fruit has passed through all the processes—inspection, analysis, grading, steaming,



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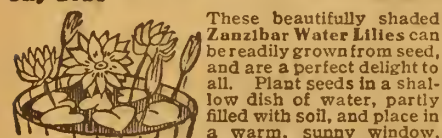
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The largest of the exhibits and the most varied will be that of California, occupying one-fourth of an acre in the center of the palace. This is a \$55,000 exhibit, the installation alone costing over \$10,000, and it will cover the entire range of California fruit products.

Next in size is the exhibit of the state of Washington, devoted largely to the grading and handling of apples and other orchard fruits, with a huge Wenatchee apple big enough to enclose a dinner party as one of its novel features. Like the California exhibit, this is housed in a booth of green and white latticework, in contrast to the Oregon booth, which is constructed of huge logs, nearly two feet in diameter, to give the effect of forest isles, within which are shown ferns and shrubs. The Oregon exhibits of fruits of all sorts show one of the marvels of the exposition. In addition to honey, fruits and berries, Idaho will show a beautiful grape-juice fountain, the red wine being shown oozing from a huge bunch of grapes.

New York has erected a lofty pagoda, which, among other exhibits, houses a large number of refrigerator cases of fruits and frozen flowers. Missouri and Arkansas each occupy 3,500 square feet of floor space for their exhibits of orchard and garden products. Argentina, across the aisle from California, Japan with her background of Fujiama and Cuba at the west entrance, with her beautiful terraced Spanish garden full of tropic fruit, and China, each constitute a center of horticultural novelties.

The Sutton Seed Company of London, England, one of the largest in the world, has an exhibit near those of local seedmen, one of which shows the processes of seed growing and seed packing inside a bower of constantly blooming flowers. Another important working exhibit is the olive-oil mill and olive pickling and packing display. Next to this is the orange grader running at full blast, with orange brushing, wrapping, pickling and box-nailing machinery at work.

The California Associated Raisin Co. has a large operating exhibit, illustrating the methods of drying, seeding and packing raisins; methods of preserving fruit are demonstrated by the E. A. Wright Co. in a booth built like an old English inn, by the California Fruit Cannery Association in a huge working and educational exhibit, by Hunt Brothers, by the Pacific Coast Syrup Co., and others; while methods of drying and packing dried fruits are illustrated by Castle Bros. in a castle built of concrete and of glass fruit cases, by the California Cured Fruit Company with a working exhibit enclosed in a growing orchard, by the Winters Dried Fruit Co., and by many states.

Other exhibits of processes demonstrate methods of making fire-proof and water-proof ornaments and "jewels" of flowers, methods of spraying trees and plants and of operating horticultural machinery of all sorts. In one of the orange-packing exhibits are growing orange trees, in fruit; while around the exhibit of garden furniture, made by a San Mateo firm, is the demonstration exhibit of the Hawaiian Pineapple Association, showing methods of growing, picking and packing the fruit.

Not only is this the largest horticultural exhibit ever seen, but it contains more working or process exhibits of more practical educational value than ever was seen at a world's exposition.

THE MODERN GLADIOLUS.

By George S. Woodruff, Iowa, President of the N. E. Iowa Horticultural Society

About the year 1900 (it was the year of the Pan-American Exposition) a Canadian gentleman, a banker, made a showing of gladioli, the result of some fifteen years' work in hand pollenizing, seed sowing and selecting, which was, as one of the veteran florists said, "a revelation and an inspiration." It was a revelation because no such a collection of gladioli had ever been seen, in variety, size and beauty. It was an inspiration because it set all the growers full of a desire to see what they could do in the same line. They did not have to begin where he did, but had his stock to work from. The result has been a wonderful production of new and beautiful varieties, either by selecting and naming some of his 20,000 unnamed seedlings or by growing other seedlings from them.

I don't want to be understood as saying that Mr. Groff was the only important breeder, for there had been many. Souchet produced some fine gandcensis sorts, Max Leichtlin brought out the Childs strain, which was afterwards improved by Allen, and the Lemoines of Nancy, France, have given us many beautiful ones, and are still doing it; and there are others. But it may safely be said that he gave us a far greater number of beautiful sorts and in greater range of color and habit and especially of such vigor and productiveness.

The gladiolus took a great jump in popularity and is remarkably a man's flower. I think no other flower has made enthusiasts among "mere male men" of all sorts and occupations.

In this case, as lately in carnations, America has furnished the Old World with its leading varieties in spite of the fact that the stock to breed from came from Europe.

Everybody knows the beautiful "America," and "Mrs. Francis King" is almost equally well known. It is a curious fact that no one knows with certainty where "America" originated. People have almost fought over it. Mr. Frank Banning got up a stock of it and sold it to Mr. Childs (for \$4,000, I have heard), but never claimed to know whether it was a seedling of his or not. Mr. Groff claimed that it was one of his. Another man claimed it as his. By the time Mr. Childs had it well advertised, Mrs. Austin, of Ohio, had about 200,000, which she had propagated from a lot of mixed bulbs from Groff's American representative. It is just possible that among so many thousands there were two or more alike. People began to keep more careful watch of their seedlings, and Mr. Banning knew he was the originator of the beautiful "Panama," a darker pink. But I am running on.

People will ask, "What shall I buy among so many?" To beginners I always say, "Plant a great many." That means, if you have not lots of money, that you should buy the best mixtures to begin with. It is far better to have a lot to cut from, and for a long period in the summer and fall, all fine ones, than to have a dozen high-priced sorts only. Then add two or so each of such specially fine sorts as you wish to be sure to have. These will cost from a few cents

each to dollars. A delightful characteristic of the "Modern" gladiolus is that some of the really finest sorts are great multipliers. This is true of those I have mentioned and also of Independence, Minnesota, Cracker Jack, Niagara, Halley, Peace (used to be \$1.00 each), Golden King, Queenly, Burrell, Maude, Geo. Paul and many others, including nearly all of Groff's Hybrids and Silver Trophy.

One reason for buying a lot is that they take so little room. No other flower will at all compare with the gladiolus in the amount of bloom one can get from a little ground. A single row twenty-five feet long will take one hundred bulbs without crowding. Then, by having plenty of bulbs, you can divide your planting so as to have cut flowers nearly three months—sometimes more.

I could write a long time, but this will be enough to set some of you thinking—and doing. Write to some of the gladiolus specialists and get lists and directions. Don't be afraid to buy some of the small size bulbs, if they are young.

FOLIAGE, NOT FLOWERS, FOR WINDOW BOX.

A large proportion of the plants in a window box should be of the same general character if the growth is to be successful. Plants of different character need different treatment. It is very difficult to raise flowering plants in a window box with the exception of begonias. Ordinary flowering plants are very exacting and will not find enough light in the ordinary living room, even though placed near the window, although they may do well in a conservatory. The main object of an indoor window box is to furnish the fresh appearance of growing green leaves rather than to raise flowers indoors. The United States Department of Agriculture's specialist makes the following suggestions for a window box:

Begonias are one of the most attractive plants that may be used for an indoor box. Both flowering and non-flowering varieties will give satisfaction; in fact, the flowering variety is one of the few plants that will blossom indoors without special cultivation. The begonia is not very particular in its requirements and will flourish with ordinary care.

Small ferns obtained from a florist will flourish. These are particularly adapted to house culture, as they do not require direct sunlight.

Even more hardy than ferns is the foliage plant known as the *aspidistra*. This adaptable plant growth will stand a measure of neglect, drought and dust and still thrive. It does not require direct sunlight.

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Kenilworth ivy may be planted along the edge. It will grow nicely from seed.

Smilax may be grown from the back of the box, and trained up about the window to give the effect of an attractive bower.

The inexperienced grower of plants indoors cannot expect to do well with roses. These plants are most exacting, and not only will they probably fail to flower, but also their foliage may be affected by mildew, blight, etc.

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NEW YORK FLOWER SHOW.

Announcement of dates for the Third International Flower Show under the auspices of the Horticultural Society of New York and the New York Florists' Club was made last week. The exposition will open in New York City Wednesday, March 17th, continuing until March 23rd, inclusive. Among the features this season will be a number of unusually fine exhibits, which will be sent directly after the show to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco—either the original plants and blossoms or (in the case of perishable flowers) duplicates being shipped across the country in refrigerator cars. Indications are that the list of exhibitors will be considerably greater this year than heretofore, several hundred private and trade entries being already promised. There will be much shown that is new, a number of horticulturalists having produced varieties of plants during the past season that are especially notable.

CULTURE OF SWEET PEAS.

With a great many flowers I have failures; with sweet peas, always success. So I will tell the floral readers how I do it.

The first bright sunny day after April 1st I go out into the garden to "look things over." I usually decide it will do to spade up the place for sweet peas. This place is the same year after year—a row along the east side of my flower garden, forming a screen from the vegetable garden. So I spade. If I feel unusually ambitious, and it spades easily, I make two widths of spading; but one does just as well, so far as I can see.

If the earth is cold and pretty wet, I leave it for that day. If it works up easily, I take my hoe and knock the big lumps to pieces. Then, with a corner of the hoe in the ground, I go from one end of the row to the other, as straight as I can, making a trench five or six inches deep. Into this I sprinkle my peas thick-

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VERBENAS.

A dozen blooming verbenas in a flower garden add much beauty to it. To succeed with verbenas, only seedling plants should be used. The cheapest and best way to procure these is to raise them from the best mixed seed obtainable. The cheap seeds produce only small flowers, while the higher-priced seeds contain a better grade of colors, brighter and larger flowers, and larger and better formed trusses. The best time for sowing the seeds here in Canada is about the middle of April. It can be sown in the greenhouse, hotbed, or in a window, in shallow boxes, about three inches deep, covering it one-eighth of an inch deep with fine soil, pressing it firmly with a smooth board. Keep the soil moist, never allowing it to get dry.

Letting the soil get too dry is where many fail to grow the verbena from seeds. When the seed leaves have fully grown, and before the true leaves appear, the seedlings should be transplanted into other boxes of rich soil, about two inches apart. The plants may remain in these

To sum up, I would say: First, plant early; second, plant deep in the ground, but cover by degrees; third, as I plant in the same place year after year, and do not manure, I should say they do not require a very rich soil to do their best; fourth, keep the blooms picked off, and, fifth, don't fuss over and worry them. I

CLEMATIS JACKMANII.

Clematis Jackmanii thrives in a deep, rich, friable loam. If the soil where the plant is to be set is light and sandy, or of inferior quality, it should be prepared by mixing with it well-decayed manure and fertile, rather tenacious clay soil. If of a close, elastic character, mix with it sand or leaf mould, or both. The plants are not particular as to position. They will thrive either in full sun or partial shade. Many persons use them to cover the pillars of the veranda, and for such purpose they are admirable, as the free and continuous blooming character of the plants make them especially attractive during summer and autumn. They are perfectly hardy, except at the far North. The tips of the vines sometimes die during the winter, but these should always be pruned off in the spring, if pruning is not attended to in autumn. The flowers are produced upon the young growth, and to have this strong and vigorous, annual pruning is required. Some cultivators advocate partial pruning in November, and completing the work just after the buds start in the spring. It is claimed that the plants pruned in autumn bloom early, while those pruned late in spring come into bloom later, and thus the brilliant display is prolonged. The first crop of flowers is, of course, the most profuse; but a series of buds and blossoms will be continued as long as the plants continue to send forth new branches, which will cease only in the late autumn under favorable conditions. In climates where the vines are not hardy they can be taken down and covered with pine boughs, or given such protection as the severity of the cold demands.

GLOXINIAS.

Gloxinias are quite popular as summer-blooming, tuberous plants. They have beautiful foliage of a soft, grayish-green color, with elegant midrib and veins, and every leaf is a model of neatness and grace. The large, bell-shaped flowers are exceedingly rich in color and texture, often beautifully marked, and freely borne for a long time during summer. They surpass all other summer-blooming plants grown by amateurs in the delicacy and showiness of their flowers, as well as the general beauty of their foliage.

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In potting gloxinia bulbs, the crown should not be buried in the soil, but allowed to protrude above the surface. Be careful not to plant them with the "wrong side up." Use porous, rich soil, well drained with a layer of charcoal or broken crock, and make an excavation for the bulb, pressing the soil firmly after the bulb is placed. Water sparingly at first, but as growth begins, apply the water more liberally. When the flowers begin to develop, an occasional application of liquid fertilizer will be of benefit.

Plants may also be propagated by placing the leaf stems in the sand. They soon form little tubers, and are ready to pot and form a young plant.

HOW TO MAKE ASTERS BLOOM PROFUSELY.

This is the season for the amateur to plant and also start his garden. Asters started at this season in the house are fine plants by the time the weather is warm enough to set them out of doors, in all Northern states at least.

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This plan is equally good for chrysanthemums, and also for run-down geraniums which have bloomed too long. Repot the geraniums and pinch out the tip of each branch and also pick off any small buds, and in less than a month you will be surprised at the growth which they will put on.

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—J. S. Evelieth.

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HOW I TREAT FUCHSIAS.

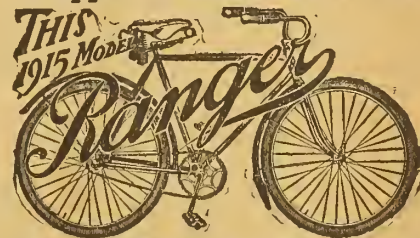
Fuchsias are my favorite plants, and I will tell you how I treat them. In the spring I transplant them from the pots to the beds, and let them remain in the ground until time for lifting plants in the fall. I then lift and plant them in pots, as when planted separately they thrive best, in moderately rich soil, water, and set in a cool place until rooted. If they are wanted for winter blooming, pinch out the buds, and they will bloom nicely in the winter. If a tree shape is wanted, pinch out the ends of the branches, and this will make a nice shaped fuchsia. Fuchsias require a rather moist soil, and should be kept in a place where they get a good deal of sunlight. If not kept in a sunny place, the plants will be frail, and the blooms, if there should be any, will drop off almost as soon as they come out. I have one fuchsia of which I do not know the name. It has a bright red center, and the outside petals are pale pink; it is single and a very profuse bloomer.—M. O. B.

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Summer Care for Primroses—Mrs. F. U. Lutz, Illinois—Primroses are not troublesome to carry through the summer if they are simply plunged out, pot and all, in a cool, partially or fully shaded and protected location. They will not do well exposed to the open sun nor in hot, dried-out soil. An occasional watering will be a help towards keeping away red spider and such insects that thrive under a hot and dry atmosphere.

Starting Cannas—Mrs. J. H. Fownley, New Jersey—There are few plants that propagate more easily than cannas. The work may be done by placing the roots, in the spring, in a low, flat box, in soil, moss or fiber. The box should then be set in a warm place where the temperature runs about 60 to 65 degrees. The eyes, or sprouts, will soon show, and when they have made an inch or two of growth these sprouts can be carefully cut apart with a knife. Then place each sprout in a three or four inch pot in a warm place until they are well started. Give the young plants plenty of light, but use some caution in watering until good roots have formed.

The Use of Nitrate of Soda—Mrs. R. G. Deihl, Pennsylvania—There is no reason at all why nitrate of soda should not be used for the flower and vegetable garden, and the only reason that it is not recommended to the exclusion of other fertilizers is that one must be careful in applying it. One ounce to three gallons of water will give a solution that will greatly stimulate the growth of all plants, especially annuals, but it should not be applied until the growth starts well nor applied late in the autumn. Applied in the fall would induce a succulent growth when the plants should be maturing. Wood ashes at this time of year would be the proper thing to use.

Plants Growing Under Gas Heat—Mrs. Geo. Eisele, Michigan—Gas fumes are extremely detrimental to plant growth, but the effect can be more or less remedied by a constant syringing of the plants and with the use of commercial and prepared fertilizers, carefully applied. The dry heat from gas is especially hard on the geraniums, which like a cool, fresh air, soil evenly moist and plenty of light, without necessarily requiring the direct rays of the sun. The geraniums do not like strong fertilizer in the soil. Any soil is good enough if used for corn. Vessels or pans of water placed for evaporation and syringing of plants as mentioned is about all that can be done for plants exposed to the conditions you name.

Hardy Carnations—Miss K. V. McGovern, Iowa—The hardy carnation, which was quite widely advertised two or three years ago by many of the catalogue houses, has been practically discarded because the plant seems to be so subject to the rust disease. It has been found quite difficult to propagate and difficult to grow successfully, although in some localities it does exceptionally well and is worthy of a trial. The writer knows of only one grower now who is handling the plants, and your inquiry is being forwarded to him. For the hardy carnation the writer would suggest a cool, fairly damp location, somewhat protected. The plant being subject to the disease mentioned prompts the above suggestion for planting location, although the writer has seen many of them doing well in the open fields.

Ponpon Aster Seed—Miss Elizabeth R. Bishop, Massachusetts—Ponpon asters were of a class that was very popular several years ago, but it seems newer and better varieties have taken its place; however, we would suggest that you write to James Vick's Sons, Rochester, N. Y., who can probably give you the information desired. Most of the leading seed houses that issue catalogues are giving much space to asters, and you would find in the catalogues of the seed houses advertising in the columns of this paper all of the best introductions of this family. Regarding the lily bulbs, Auratum, Henryii, Melampne, etc., the writer presumes that these are now planted out of doors. They are perfectly hardy and will flower early the coming summer and each year following. They require

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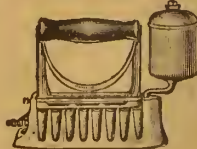
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practically no care excepting that the ground about the plant should be protected from the winter rains, as the bulbs are inclined to rot if water stands about them. If the bulbs are being held indoors and are in pots, they have probably made root growth and should be plunged, pot and all, or the ball of earth shaken from the pot and planted without being broken up, in the very early spring. The following make up the most popular kinds and all coming under the same general care: Auratum, Speciosum Album, Magnificum, Rubrum, Canadense, Candidum, Elegans, Longiflorum, Giganteum, Philadelphicum, Superbum Tenuifolium, Tigrinum and Umbellatum.

Nicoticide—Mrs. R. Archibald, Illinois—The tobacco preparation, Nicoticide, has had very limited use in a retail way. In fact, it has only been distributed, we believe, through a few catalogue houses and up to this time to only a limited extent with these. The writer is having mailed to you a copy of a catalogue listing the preparation. This insecticide is of exceptional value, ridding plants alike of chewing, biting and sucking insects, as well as killing all eggs and acting as a preventive against all forms of insect life. As the writer has stated in these columns, it comes the nearest to a universal insecticide that he knows of, and a small quantity dilutes in solution so as to go a long way and make it really inexpensive for the results that can be accomplished with it.

Maiden Hair Ferns—Mrs. T. L. Hayes, North Carolina—The clipping which you enclosed of the maiden hair fern would indicate that the plant is drying out at times. The Adiantum ferns, or maiden hair family, are partial to a light sandy loam soil which must be kept wet at all times and never allowed to dry out. If the plants cannot be sprayed conveniently they should be inverted and dipped in water once or twice a week. The temperature should be fairly warm. True, the maiden hair ferns like the cool, shady places in summer, but keep in mind that the temperature is generally high when the plants are at their best. The simple rules mentioned should bring satisfactory results, as the plants are not extremely particular as to their care.

Entering the Florists' Business—J. H. McCaughan, New York—A fair knowledge of the florists' business, built on experience, would be far more practical for a beginner than attending an agricultural college. You would have little trouble in securing employment with one of the florists or nurserymen, and a catalogue house is to be recommended by reason of the large amount of stock that is grown by them. An experience of a year or so, with close attention to your work and reading of books and magazines, should place you in a very fair way to make a start. The Garden Magazine, published by the Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City, N. Y., is an excellent paper for the amateur, and through its columns you will find advertised many other books and pamphlets which should be of great interest and help to you.

Propagating Carnations—Miss Janus Pritchard, Arkansas—Raising carnations from cuttings is not a difficult matter. The flowering stems and side shoots may be used, though the best cuttings come from the flowering stems—that is, come from the flowering stems as side cuttings. These come before the flower matures, and after the flower is cut it induces a new lot of shoots. These may be taken off at any time, when the tips should be trimmed to make a cutting for the sand box that is about three or four inches long. For the cutting box use clean sand pressed firmly and kept evenly moist. The cuttings will probably root best in a temperature about the same as that in which the plants from which the cuttings were taken were grown. The cuttings should root in a few weeks, and should then be potted in small pots and they will make nice young plants for setting out in the late spring.

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to this insect. At this season of the year, if the plants are being held for later blooming, they should be kept in a cool temperature (around 50 degrees), with soil kept evenly moist and the tops syringed daily, or the plants should be inverted and completely immersed once or twice a week. But if the plants are being brought into flower, they can be placed in the open window, but the spraying or dipping of the plants should be followed in the same way until the buds begin to show color. This watering of the foliage is more as a preventive against red spider than anything else and is not essential in all cases, but the insects are so minute and come along so quickly and the effect of their work showing so suddenly makes the precaution well worth the trouble.

Worms in Soil—Helen S. Hodsdon, Indiana—There is a powder which is imported to this country and sold as a worm killer which is very simple to use and very effective in its results. The writer had a small quantity, which was sent him for experimental purposes, and it has all been distributed, but we believe it is handled this year by one or two firms in this country, and the writer will try to give you in an early mail addresses where it can be procured. If not, you can secure a sample by addressing this department about the first of March. The powder is simply spread on top of the soil, and a single watering will rid the soil of all worm life. It is not expensive at all. Twenty or twenty-five cents' worth is sufficient quantity for two or three dozen pot plants. In the meantime the writer would suggest the use of lime water, which is fairly effective, but comparatively slow in its work. For inducing a better growth of your ferns the writer would suggest some of the prepared commercial fertilizer as advertised in catalogues by firms using the columns of this paper. Send for several catalogues, and from one or two of them you will undoubtedly be able to purchase a prepared fertilizer which, if carefully used according to directions, should give results in a better coloring of foliage and a more healthy growth.

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Garden and Orchard

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See to the Honey

The first warm day when the bees are flying, go to each hive and lift it. If it weighs forty or fifty pounds it has stores enough to last till alfalfa blooms, or fifteen to twenty pounds of honey. All colonies lighter in weight than this should be given combs of honey, placing them in the hive close to the brood nest within easy reach of the bees.

If no combs of honey are available, feeding may be done with any of the feeders on the market. Feed sugar syrup made from the best sugar only.

Clean the Hive

If a pint or more of dead bees are found on the bottom board, remove it and clean out all the bees and dirt. Slant the hive toward the entrance so that water will run away from the hive. A colony on clean combs, with a clean, dry hive and plenty of bees and stores, need not be molested till fruit bloom.

BUYING FRUIT TREES.

Order trees from a reputable nurseryman, paying a good price for same, instead of securing them from some agent who has no reputation to maintain. The latter individual may sell his trees at reduced prices, but the chances are the buyer will not get what he orders.

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In selecting varieties, it should be remembered that three or four well-tried sorts of each fruit are better than a large number of varieties, especially if the fruit is to be marketed. If wanted for home use, a larger number may be chosen. New and untried varieties are usually to be avoided.

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CURRENT AND GOOSEBERRY FRUIT WORM.

Many inquiries are being made in regard to a small worm that is infesting the fruit of currants and gooseberries.

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be, while the latter is growing. The little maggot feeds upon the interior of the fruit, causing it to turn red and drop. When abundant, often a large proportion of the fruit is destroyed, sometimes more than three-fourths of it.

The little maggot leaves the fruit after it falls to the ground, and burrows beneath the surface, where it spends the winter and comes forth as a fly again the following spring.

Remedies—From the habits of this insect, it is evident that it would be useless to apply sprays of any kind for its control. About the only remedies that can be used to any advantage are, first, destroy all infested fruit before the maggots leave it; or deep cultivation of the soil about the bushes during the late summer and fall or early spring, for the purpose of turning the insects so deeply under ground that they cannot escape.—C. P. Gillette, Colorado Agricultural College.

SUCCESS WITH MELONS AND CUCUMBERS.

A truck gardener of several years' experience, who has been very successful raising melons and cucumbers, gives the following as his method of planting and cultivating:

When the ground gets warm in the spring make nice, loose hills, about eighteen inches across and about one inch above the top of the ground, after being patted down with the hoe. Then make a place for the seed, putting from five to seven in a hill, and cover them just sufficiently to keep the dirt from washing off. When the plants are up and are old enough to tell which seem the thriftiest, thin to two in a hill.

At first working carefully scrape the weeds from the hill without loosening the dirt. Tramp the hill down around the plants, and draw loose dirt from around the hill up on it and around the plants, letting it come as high or a little higher than before. Keep weeds scraped from the hill through the summer, bringing loose dirt up on the hill each time, to keep it from drying out.

EARLY TOMATOES.

As soon as I have my hotbed in readiness this spring I shall sow early tomato seed. When they are up from two to three inches high and begin to crowd each other, I shall set them in another part of the hotbed about two inches apart. When these grow large enough to need more space the weather will be warm enough to transplant to the cold frame. In doing this I shall use the berry box, such as is generally used for strawberries, blackberries and their like. In putting these together I shall leave out the bottom, then set the boxes on the level surface of soil in the cold frame as close as possible. After this I shall fill these boxes with very rich soil and put one or two plants in each box. I shall leave them there until all danger of frost is over, protecting them of nights and cold days with a sheet of muslin, which should be made to fit the top of the cold frame, and which should be treated with a coat of thin paint, or linseed oil will do if the paint is not convenient.

When all danger of frost is over I shall prepare the ground where I want to plant the tomatoes by digging holes large enough to admit the small boxes, then with a trowel, or any thin piece of metal or wood, I shall lift the boxes out of the cold frame without disturbing the roots of the plants, place the boxes in the hole

made for them and draw the soil around them. In two or three weeks I will remove the boxes without interfering with the plants. I shall pursue the same method for cabbage plants, peppers, cucumbers, pole beans or any other vegetable I desire to produce for an early market or for home use. Glass is preferable for the hotbed, but painted or oiled muslin will answer. A hotbed sash can be made by any one who is handy with tools, or the ordinary window sash can be made to do.—H. W. Morrison, Michigan.

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Poultry Notes

MAKING A LIVING WITH POULTRY WHILE TREES ARE COMING INTO BEARING.

A good hen, properly fed and cared for, will in Colorado return a profit above cost of keep of \$2.00 a year, where the eggs are sold in the open market. Where a private market is secured, or eggs are sold for hatching, or pure-bred fowls are sold for breeding, the profits are greater.

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A man without experience in poultry raising would have to start in with a small number per acre—say about one hundred, and be content with less profits the first year or two until he learned the business.

Colorado is particularly adapted to profitable poultry growing, as the climate, sunshine, feeds and altitude are as beneficial to the thrift of poultry as they are to the health and vigor of men and women.—W. E. Vaplon, Colorado Agricultural College.

PREPARE NOW FOR DEAR EGGS NEXT FALL.

If the farmer wishes to benefit by the high prices that eggs are certain to bring next fall and winter, he should begin to get ready for them at once, say the poultry specialists in the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C. The way to have eggs late in the year is to hatch pullets early. It is the early hatches from which the early pullets are derived that are the largest money-makers for the poultry producer. The early-hatched cockerels can be marketed in almost any market in America when they attain a weight of three-fourths of a pound to a pound and a half each, which they should reach at about six to ten weeks of age, respectively, at a greater profit to the producer than at any other time of their lives. The early-hatched pullets, if properly grown, should begin to lay in the fall at the time when eggs are scarce and high in price.

HOW TO CONSTRUCT A POULTRY HOUSE.

Poultry houses may be built more open, and consequently less expensively, in our Southern states than in the North, according to investigators of the United States Department of Agriculture. However, a house which gives satisfaction in Maine will also give good results in Texas or California. The best site for a poultry house in any location is one where good water and air drainage are

available. The floor and yards will then be dry. The house should not occupy a low hollow in which cold air settles. Wherever possible, a southern or south-eastern exposure should be selected, although this is not essential if there is any good reason for facing the house in a different direction.

"Poultry House Construction" is the title of the Department's new Farmers' Bulletin (No. 574), in which are explained the main features that should be considered, and in which pictures and plans of satisfactory houses are shown. Every poultryman who contemplates erecting new poultry buildings is urged to write to the Department for this bulletin, which will be sent him free on application, as long as the Department's supply lasts.

A FEW FACTS TO REMEMBER.

Pullets must be well matured before they will lay many eggs.

Pullets that start to lay in the fall before cold weather sets in will, as a rule, lay all winter.

It is the early-hatched pullets that produce eggs in the fall and early winter, when prices are high.

February, March and April are the months to do your hatching in order to secure early-hatched pullets.

Yearling and two-year-old hens do not lay many eggs in the fall, as they are molting at that time, and the feed they consume goes not only to keep up the energy and life of the birds, but also to put on or grow a new coat of feathers.

In properly matured pullets all surplus energy beyond that needed to meet the requirements of the body is available for the production of eggs.

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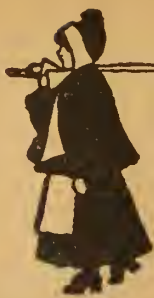
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She counted over, as children do.

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Four I love all above, five cast away;
Six she loves, seven he loves, and eight, you see,
Both love each other well—that's you and me."

Her brother laughed merrily. "Dear little sis,
That is not what they mean. Give me a kiss.
When girls count their apple seeds, you may depend
It's for some other girl's brother, or that brother's friend."

"Well, I'll count my apple seeds just as I choose,
And if I love you best, you won't refuse.
Of course, while I'm little I don't want to marry,
So I'll count my apple seeds for you, brother Harry."

THE ROBINS' NEW-YEAR GREETING

By Cousin Joan

Mr. and Mrs. Robin had started for the South in good season. But, on the very first stage of their journey, Mrs. Robin's wing was hurt, and it was many weeks before they could leave the great oak tree in which they had taken lodgings.

You will hardly believe that a boy could be so cruel—but it was a boy who hurt Mrs. Robin with his sling-shot. Poor little birdie! The blow knocked her from the branch, but instead of falling all the way to the ground, she was caught in a friendly crotch of the tree just where a big limb joined the trunk. There she lay, half stunned and quivering, with a drooping wing, and there Mr. Robin found her.

He was a wide-awake fellow, and soon set to work and made a comfortable nest for his disabled mate in the friendly crotch of the tree.

Mrs. Robin's wing was not broken, but badly bruised; and days ran into weeks and weeks into a month or more before the strength came back to it and it was possible to fly again. Then Mr. Robin took her for short flights, and gradually increased their length, when they resumed the interrupted journey.

And that is why Mr. and Mrs. Robin were caught in the snow.

They were well on their way to the sunny South, when, one morning, Mr. Robin pulled his head out from under his wing and saw a soft, white covering over the ground, the branches of the trees, and, yes, over Mrs. Robin, too.

It was very pretty, to be sure, but it was cold, and there was no getting where all the berries had been so plentiful the day before. Not one was in sight, and a pair of hungry birds were quite ready for their breakfast. They had to go without it, however, for no food could they find. Mr. and Mrs. Robin tried to continue their journey, but it was hard to fly through air already full of tiny things, and they did not get on very fast.

While they were resting for a moment on a branch that was somewhat sheltered from the storm, Mrs. Robin's bright eyes espied a queer little house perched on a pole in a garden close at hand.

"Chirp, chirp, Mr. Robin, what can that be?" she twittered.

"Chirp, chirp, my dear it looks like a little house" he replied. "Wait here and I will fly closer to it."

In a very few minutes a happy little bird flew back to say that it was indeed a house Mrs. Robin had seen, that it was quite empty, save for most charming furnishing of soft cotton, and that it had a little doorway through which they could hop to warmth and safety.

While Mr. Robin was investigating the empty house two eager little faces were pressed against the glass of the nursery windows that looked right down on it from the big house that belonged to the garden. And when the birds hopped through the doorway and took possession of the little house, Bess and Jack were wild with delight. Jack ran off to tell mother, while Bess watched to see that the birds did not fly away.

Mother reached the window and looked out just as Mr. Robin appeared at his door, turning and twisting his head in every direction and peering eagerly about with his bright, beady eyes.

"Your poor little birds are hungry, Jack," she said. "Put on your coat quickly and sweep off the bird shelf. Bess, run down to the kitchen and get some nice, soft crumbs. Jack will sprinkle them on the shelf and come right back to the window. If you watch quietly, I think you will see that your little friends find them very quickly."

Mother was right, for Jack had just reached the window when Mr. Robin's head appeared again in his doorway, his eyes fixed upon the crumb-laden shelf; and in a few minutes two hungry robins were eating dinner and two delighted children were watching them from the nursery window.

Food was provided every day, and the children and birds became very good friends. The crumbs were sprinkled on the window ledge in time, and Mr. and Mrs. Robin grew so tame that they would eat while the children were at the window, wink their bright eyes at them, and chirp inquiringly.

They took up their residence in the bird house early in December, and a loving New Year fairy must have whispered her orders to them in the night, for Bess and Jack were awakened on New Year's morning by a beautiful song. Jumping out of bed, they hurried to the nursery window, and there, on the ledge, sat Mr. and Mrs. Robin, side by side, singing Happy New Year until they almost split their little throats with joy and gratitude.

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Potato Cakes—Four large, white potatoes, two onions, two teaspoonfuls of salt, three eggs, six tablespoonfuls of flour. Peel the potatoes and onions and grate into a bowl. Add eggs and salt, mixing well; lastly add the flour. Fry by spoonfuls, like corn fritters, in a frying pan with plenty of hot lard.

Orange Frosting—Add the grated rind of one orange to one teaspoonful of water, half a teaspoonful of lemon juice, two tablespoonfuls of orange juice, and let stand fifteen minutes. Strain, add gradually to the yolk of egg beaten slightly. Stir in confectioners' sugar until of the right consistency to spread.

Noodles—Take two eggs, beat them well, two tablespoonfuls of cold water, one teaspoonful of salt, and flour enough to make a rather stiff dough. Roll rather thin and let dry an hour or more. Roll up, and cut in fine shreds, drop in boiling broth and boil for thirty minutes. These are nice for either chicken or beef.

Cherry Tarts—Stem and stone ripe, red, tart cherries, place sugar on same, letting stand until clear, when mash through coarse sieve and fill pastry shells (already half baked). Replace in the oven until heated through, when place meringue on the top and lightly brown. Whipped cream may be substituted for fresh.

Cinnamon Cake—One-half cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of sweet milk, two eggs, three teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one and one-half cupfuls of flour. This is nice made in layers with jelly between or any other desired filling or baked in a solid cake.

Orange Cake—Cream one-quarter cupful of butter, add gradually one cupful of sugar, two well-beaten eggs, one-half cupful of milk; add one and two-thirds cupfuls of flour and two and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder sifted together. Bake in large tins. Spread with orange filling and cover the top with orange frosting.

Orange Filling for Cake—Mix together one-half cupful of sugar, two and one-half tablespoonfuls of flour, grated rind of one-half orange, half a cupful of orange juice, half a tablespoonful of lemon juice, one egg slightly beaten, one tablespoonful of butter. Cook ten minutes in a double boiler, stirring constantly. Cool before spreading.

Sausages and Apples—Lay sausages (bulk sausage meat is best) in a frying pan, cover with hot water and bring quick to a boil. At the end of five minutes pour off the water and fry on both sides, turning twice. Remove them, drain over the pan, and lay in a hot colander in the open oven, while you fry sliced apples in the fat.

Nut Bread—Two eggs, one-half cupful of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, two scant cupfuls of sweet milk, one cupful of chopped nuts, 4 heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder, four cupfuls of flour. Beat the egg and sugar, then add the milk, nuts and flour; beat well, pour in well-greased pans, let stand for thirty minutes and bake forty-five minutes.

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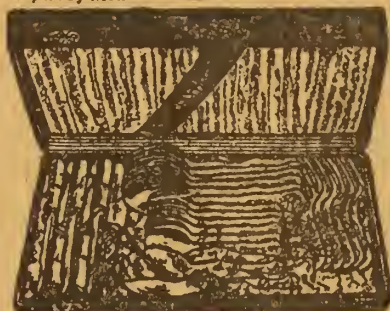
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By Mrs. C. B. Howell

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I had my first visit from you.

You came without giving me notice,
You sent me no letter or card;
And yet I was charmed to receive you
While walking around in my yard.

I stopped to enjoy a fine cluster
Of roses, so brilliant in hue,
Your presence quite startled me, darling,
So swiftly you came into view.

I'll never call you an intruder,
Tho' a stranger you certainly were;
Your robes were so daintily fashioned,
An aristocrat you are, 'tis clear.

So timid were you, dainty stranger,
That my manners I feared would seem rude,
Yet I gave you the finest refreshment,
And you showed me you thought it was good.

Your dress was so beautifully shaded
With scarlet and green and with blue;
Yet you seemed not to care in the slightest
For fear 'twould be soiled with the dew.

Your visit, my dear, seemed to gladden
Not only my eyes, but my heart;
So come again soon—nay, quite often—
And do not in such haste depart.

Should no one be here to receive you,
Just enter, my dear. Take my word,
You'll be welcome and none will molest you,
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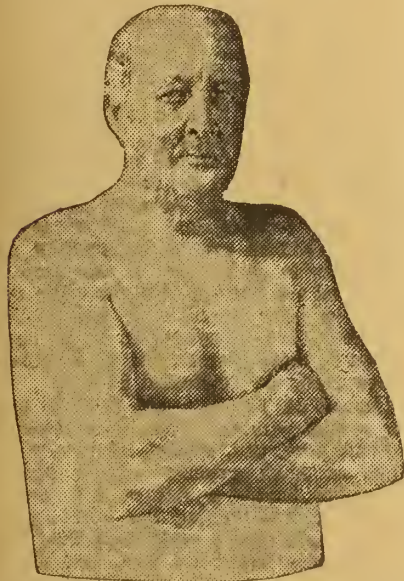


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Spring diet

After I had written the above words it hardly seemed possible that winter was nearly over. At least spring will soon be here, and while in some parts of our country the weather is still winter, we know that warm, sunny days are not far away, and we already begin to think of gardens and flowers.

At this season, whether one observes Lent religiously or not, it is well for us to change our bill of fare from the heavy diet of winter to a lighter one, using less meat and more fish and eggs, less pies, cakes and rich puddings and more fruit and delicate custards and early green vegetables as soon as possible. If spinach was sown last fall, and covered over, it will be ready for use now. Last spring we had early greens a number of times from some turnips which were sowed late, and did not grow large enough in the fall to be of any use. They were left, and as soon as the frost was out of the ground they commenced to grow. The tops, cooked like kale, were excellent. Beet seed can be sown early and thickly enough to pull out a good many basketfuls of greens, and then have enough left for early beets. If you have no rhubarb or asparagus bed, do not let another spring go by without having both planted. When once well started neither of them require very much care, and will last for years.

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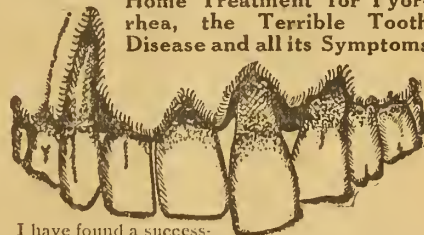
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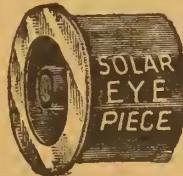
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HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS.

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Whether the system used is one of cards, envelopes, or books is of minor importance; but the housekeeper should cultivate a love for businesslike management of household finances, or see in it possibilities large enough to create a willingness to give the thought and time necessary to make the keeping of household accounts a success.—Mary L. Oberlin, Extension Worker in Home Economics, Colorado Agricultural College.

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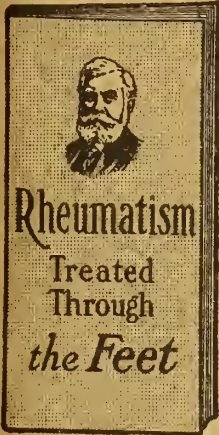
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needed as in a tart apple pie, but a cupful of sugar to a pie will not be found too much, unless the cup is very large and the pie very small. The flavor of the pumpkin seems better if the sugar is added while the pumpkin is stewing, and gets thoroughly cooked in; do not add sugar until the pumpkin has first cooked tender and the water nearly boiled out. Maple syrup is better than sugar. A very little nutmeg in addition to the regulation seasoning of ginger and cinnamon is often well liked. A pumpkin pie should not bake too fast, or the crust will burn before the center is cooked.

HOW TO GET RID OF A COLD.

One reason why a cold is frequently so troublesome and hard to get rid of is because we neglect the use of proper remedies, and think "it will wear off." If the children have colds, mother generally is prompt with her treatment, but she does not see how she can spare the time to go to bed for a day or two when she has "only a cold," and the result is often a week or two of dragging around, and perhaps she is finally compelled to submit to a much longer confinement in bed and a doctor's bill, if not some more serious result.

When one is conscious of having taken cold, the first thing to be done is to take measures to equalize the temperature of the body, and thus subdue any tendency to congestion. A hot foot bath and hot drinks will aid in this. Drink a hot lemonade, and cover up warm in bed, and in nine cases out of ten the symptoms of cold will disappear in a few hours. Forty-eight hours of rest, warmth and a very light diet, drinking all the hot lemonade or even hot water that is possible, would ward off many an illness of weeks', perhaps months', duration.

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There is no more delicious or healthful dessert than baked apples, either sweet or sour, and served either plain or with cream and sugar. If you want a little change from plain baked apples, pare and core them, taking the core from the blossom end of the apple, leaving the stem end whole. Make a syrup of a pint of water and a teacupful of sugar, set the apples in this syrup, as many as the pan will hold, put half a teaspoonful of sugar and a bit of butter into each apple, and sprinkle a little cinnamon over the top; set them in the oven, and bake until done, basting the apples often with the syrup in the pan.

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Sing on, rain-loving bird, and sing again!
Oft in my childhood, when the notes I heard,
When in my sky the sun was overcast,
"Take heart!" one said; "the rain will soon be past!"
"Cheer up! Cheer up!" so sings the brave rain bird.
Bird of the orchard, to me ever dear;
Gladly I listen to thy song of cheer!
—Alys Ingraham.

ADVERSITY.

Naturalists discover the most beautifully colored plants on the highest mountains. Exposed to and nurtured by the keenest winds, the wildest storms, have sprung up the lichen and mosses of the most rich and attractive hue.

So on the bleak hills of adversity, the Christian character is mellowed and beautified more than in the shady, quiet vale of prosperity. It is in adversity that man adds qualities of grace which adorn the life of the believer, his natural roughness is toned down, and he is able to say:

Amidst the list of blessings infinite
Stands this the foremost, that my heart has bled;
For all I bless Thee—most for the severe!

I do believe the common man's lot is the hardest. The hero has the hero's aspiration that lifts him to the labor. All great duties are easier than the little ones, though they cost far more blood and agony.—Phillips Brooks.

This subject of "Adversity" is a broad one. Just recently we have received a letter from a young man who has met with adversities on every hand. He went south and entered the Union Seminary in order to fit himself for a minister to carry the Gospel into the mountainous districts to those unfortunate people who live in such places. He was stricken with fever, and laid in a hospital for weeks, then when better returned to his home to his mother to recuperate. When better he returned to the Seminary to resume his studies, and again "Adversity" claimed him. This time he had to have his limb amputated. He was certainly discouraged and returned home, feeling that now he was maimed for life and would never be able to carry out his cherished plans. His poor mother mortgaged their home to pay the hospital bills, and everything looked dark to them. Then it was a young shut-in told us about this brave young man and that they wanted to raise seventy-five dollars with which to buy him an artificial limb, and asked if the Sunshiners would help. Of course the Sunshiners never fail to do their part in worthy cases like this, and it seemed each one took a special interest in this case,

and the feeling of brotherly love filled their hearts. The letter just received from this young man says he is again in the Seminary, and has a plan on hand, wondering what he can do in the Sunshine work. He says these young men in the Seminary will be going out soon as ministers and will spread everywhere. They will come in contact with many disabled, afflicted, needy people during their lifetime, and he says: "So something told me this: 'Why can't you try in your sermons this year in Chapel to give these fellows an inside glimpse of the hearts of that great Class and show them how they can really help them and act around them?'" You see this, I've won my battle, I think. I'm far happier now than ever before while uncrippled. I wish I could tell you of the battles I've had and of the prayers and tears I've gone through with, but I see it all now far differently from at first, and I firmly believe it's possible for us who are different to live much closer to Him and get far more real joy out of life than most of us dream of. I just want to get at the hearts of others and help them to try to see His great plan in it all. I have sent three questions to some shut-ins that I hope to get answered, and with these answers I hope to show these fellows what to expect in the hearts of those "different," and that they may be enabled to help better.

1. What three things do you miss more in life now as a result of your disability?
2. What three ways had you rather any one help you now?
3. Do you feel any compensation for your trouble from God, and if so, in what three ways? Or what outstanding way?

We wish the shut-ins would answer these questions by sending direct to the young man. He wants them before March 10th, as he expects to preach on that day, and wanted to use the material for his sermon. He is so grateful to every one who helped him when he needed aid. Address Mr. W. W. Sprouse, Union Seminary, Richmond, Va.

To work, to help and be helped, to learn sympathy through suffering, to learn faith by perplexity, to reach truth through wonder—behold! this is what it is to prosper, this is what it is to live.

Be generous with smiles and kindly words, if with nothing else. That which costs the least is often most valuable in this strange world. And kind words and gentle acts of sympathy have a way of reflecting that many and many a time has rewarded the giver a thousandfold.

A GOOD RULE.

Mr. Moody has left us a splendid rule for awakening love and sympathy in the heart. His rule is: "Put yourself in the other person's place and then try to help him." This means that you must imagine yourself to have the person's sorrows, surroundings, trials and temptations. In other words, you must make their sorrows your own, give full credit to their virtues, and then try to help them. Perhaps some anguish of soul or some hidden disappointment disturbs them, which, if you but knew it, would melt your own heart with pity for them. Who knows but that if you were in the same surroundings as they you would be far less endurable than they are?

SHUT-IN.

It would seem that God chooses rare spirits in his intercessors and prostrates

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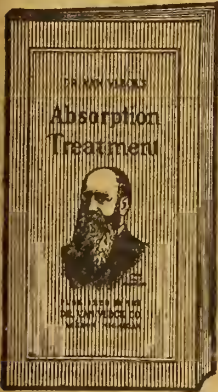
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Miss Vada Munson, Prattsville, N. Y., care of Giles Munson, is a lonely little girl who would appreciate something cheery.

Mrs. James Waller, Madison, Mo., loves to read. Would enjoy cards, letters and quilt pieces. Please write descriptive travels. Will you not send her a letter on March 14th?

Mrs. Josephine Parker, of Gladwin, Mich., R. F. D. 3, Box 93, asks for cheer on her birthday, which is March 27th. She says she is so lonely since her husband was taken away.

Mrs. Alice Moore is a wheel-chair patient, one limb being amputated. She tries to help support herself by piecing quilts, etc. Her sister, Miss Nett Barker, takes care of her. We mentioned these names in a former number. Address is Hinesburg, Vt.

Cheer is asked for a thirteen-year-old boy who is very feeble. His mother is a widow and they are very poor. The little sister, May, is ten years old, and cheer sent to both of these children would mean a great deal. Address Master Harvey Coe, care of Mrs. Cabrey, Cornwall, Orange County, N. Y.

Miss Lillian Austin, Pelzer, S. C., R. F. D. 3, is a young girl sixteen years old. She has been afflicted for four years. Has a complication of troubles and will never be any better. She suffers very much. She is so happy to hear from the Sunshiners, for really it brings her much cheer. Do not forget her.

Here are the names of some little children who are lonely and needy: Master Wallie Arne is a little cripple four years old. Miss Edie Ames is nine years old. Miss Grace Goodwin is eight years old. Send any little gifts to these children in care of Miss Esther Levy, Cornwall, N. Y., Box 314.

Mrs. Anna Perkins, 433 Madison Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., wishes to get in touch with some of the shut-ins. She is advanced in years and as she has rheumatism is unable to go out very much, so she gets much pleasure in writing to the shut-ins. She is very cheerful and we feel would cheer any one who needs a cheery letter.

Post cards, toys, letters, dolls or any little gift would please the following little children, who do not have much "sunshine": Eleanor Caess, five years old; Blanch Seal, seven years old; Madge Lea, nine years old. Send in care of Miss Esther Levy, Cornwall, N. Y., Box 314. Miss Levy also asks for cheer for a little lonely girl who lives on top of a mountain, thirteen miles away from a railroad, Miss Ruth Coventry, care of Mrs. Kittie Doolittle, Windham, Green County, N. Y., Mt. Pisgah R. F. D.

APPRECIATION.

Miss Jennie Spencer, of Campbell, N. C., R. F. D. 1, is an invalid sadly in need. She needs clothing and does not know what she will do when what she has is gone. She is very grateful for all cheer received.

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ing the gifts to put in address or not expect any word. It makes too much work for us. We are not complaining, but when you get fifteen or twenty letters asking a word of appreciation it means some work to copy.

Mrs. Ada Winn, of Metamora, Mich., R. 1, was so very grateful to all who remembered her so beautifully at Christmas. She received over one hundred cards, a number of tokens, three or four sent dimes, and some one sent a

Miss Willie Jane Sheppard, 2810 Old Temple Road, Los Angeles, Cal., thanks each one for Christmas cards and letters sent to her and for the orders for her book. She will be grateful for an Easter letter party.

Miss Jemima M. Jackson, of Ackerville, Ala., wonders what she would do without her Household Journal friends. She is so grateful for all sent to her. She thanks the one who sent a dollar at Christmas without any name. Says it was a great help to her.

A young shut-in, Miss Lulu May Sutton, Paris, Mo., Box 196, asks us to please thank all for the many nice things sent to her. Some

one in Pittsburgh, Pa., sends her a paper and she is so grateful, for she says she can get so many nice patterns out of it.

Mr. Clifford E. Davis, Box 63, R. F. D. 2, Cumberland, Md., expresses hearty thanks to all who sent kindly letters, cards and books and who only signed initials. He received all the books for which he asked, and a hundred-pound box of them from a Sunshiner.

Miss Frank Whitney, of Mexico, N. Y., is very grateful for letters and other cheer sent to her Christmas, and she says as soon as able will answer all who sent address. She is suffering from neuritis in the right arm. If any sent for prices for bath mits and did not hear from her, she did not get the word.

Mrs. Sadie Risley, of Piermont, N. H., is grateful to all who sent her orders for her fancy work. It means so much to her. She has been a helpless shut-in for years, yet is not idle, and does all kinds of fancy work. She will send price list if stamp is sent for reply. quarter from Jackson, several booklets with no name signed to them, also a calendar. They

acknowledged everything when addresses were given, so take this form to tell every one she was so thankful. It made her much happier. Mrs. Winn is a great sufferer from rheumatism and is unable to even use her hands. Her daughter does her writing for her.

"There is always time to look up to Him for His smile." This is a sentence found in a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Myrtle I. Traver, of 104 Buffalo Street, Jamestown, N. Y. She sends loving thanks to all who remembered her so kindly. The stationery and stamps were a great help. She would like to especially thank Julia. She would be very grateful for lawn and lace for handkerchiefs or for stamped linen.

Mrs. Ida Lyan, of Spangle, Wash., Box 6, sends a grateful letter thanking all who helped to make her Christmas a happier one. She has been very ill. Her room-mate was very ill and died. Mrs. Lyan is still very weak and nervous and she needs cheery letters to show her there is still a silver lining in her clouds. She was once a schoolteacher, and after having six operations has had to live in the County Home, which fact grieves her. Do brighten her life.

THE EMERGENCY FUND.

In order to assist worthy shut-ins from time to time, we have a very handy article which should be in every home. This article is known as "mendet." The mendets come in assorted sizes, fifteen in a box, for 25 cents and a two-cent stamp for mailing. Do not send stamps or Canadian money unless you put in an extra five-cent piece, as Canadian money is not worth so much in this part of the United States. Send United States coin in a card or get a money order. These mendets will mend leaks in granite, tin, copper, brass, hot-water bags, etc., without the use of heat or solder. Pans, buckets, wash boilers, most anything in the kitchen can be mended at once with these handy articles. Send all orders direct to Mrs. Gertrude Cherry, Xenia, Ohio.

CARDS FOR SALE.

We have received a letter from an invalid seventy-five years old stating that she has cards for every occasion to sell. The verses are her own composition and we know are beautiful, for we have seen a number. We used one of her poems in our February number, "From Shadow to Sunshine." The post cards include floral, birthday, Easter, Christmas, New Year, religious, patriotic and other sentiments. These cards can be obtained twenty for 25 cents in coin. We are sure our friends will want some of these cards and at the same time assist this worthy shut-in, who is trying to support herself. Address Mrs. A. R. Perham, Wilton, N. H.

GIEVE-STRICKLAND FUND.

We have failed so far to reach the \$100 wanted for the mortgage on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gieve, of Washington. Being a double fund, only part could go to the mortgage, yet we still hope we can receive more this month for Mr. and Mrs. Gieve, this worthy couple, who are sick and feeble. We have written to the holder of the mortgage to see if he will extend the time, but if not, then the only thing we can do is to send the money for the old folks to have to use. They are in need.

"HELPING HAND CLUB."

A new Sunshine Branch known as the Helping Hand Club has been organized in Ivanhoe, Minn. The members are wide awake, and have made several garments for children and grown people. They have made a quilt which they expect to sell. At present they are getting up a box of garments to be made by members and friends of the club and will send to the suffering widows and children in Belgium. This club is another branch of the Household Journal Branch. One object of such a branch is to assist us in relieving distress and comforting the sick as reported in our Sunshine Corner. So much more can be done where a number of interested persons can join together in the unselfish work. The officers for the coming year are: President, Miss Erville Olson; treasurer, Miss Marian Twettn; secretary, Miss Sophia M. Olson. There are twelve members in this club and we are sure others will want to join.

What city will send us an organized club soon? We will be so glad to send membership cards. If you want to organize such a branch, send for enrollment blank.

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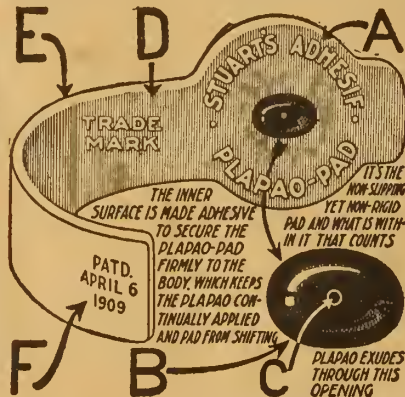
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HOW I FOUND MY OPPORTUNITY IN A NEW INVENTION.

By Chas. A. Butler

Ever since I can remember I always had a more or less optimistic hope that some time or other I would be able to connect with Opportunity and get into a business of my own that would pay me a big salary and start me on the road to independence. My ideas, however, were rather vague as to how I would accomplish this.

I never considered myself a salesman, never having sold any goods, and knowing nothing whatever about this so-called "scientific salesmanship." I had been looking around for months for the right opportunity, when in reading my favorite magazine I happened to run across the ad of a concern selling a Folding Bath Tub. I had seen this ad once or twice before, and had read same thoroughly. Their proposition certainly looked good. They were selling a tub made of special "steelene" product that would fold in a roll when not in use, and was positively guaranteed not to leak and to give perfect satisfaction. They showed proof of the big money their other representatives were making, and when you take into consideration that fully 70 per cent of the homes in the country have no bath-rooms, it surely seemed reasonable that any man should be able to make quite a large salary acting as their special representative.

But not being a salesman, I thought it would be useless for me to try their proposition. Their ad read so fair, though, that I finally decided to write them a letter as they requested and see what sort of an offer they had to make. I can see now that this was probably the most important letter I ever wrote. I received a long letter from the concern, whose factory is located in Ohio, together with attractive circulars, showing and absolutely proving the big money their representatives were making, and what a wonderful boon their Folding Tub had proved to be in every home. So I decided to accept their offer and see what I could do in my town. I had at this time less than \$50 in cash, but the fine thing about their proposition was that they preferred men of integrity and honesty to men with money alone, so I had no difficulty in accepting their liberal proposition and agreeing to their liberal terms. In less time than I realized I received my complete working outfit, with complete and thorough selling instructions, and an encouraging letter from the President of the Company, Mr. H. S. Robinson, explaining just what to do and how to do it. Well, never again will I let any man say to me that it requires years of experience before you can make a success in selling goods. I know if a man or woman is honest, sincere and has good "horse sense," that he or she needs no other requisites to a big success, especially when equipped with a selling proposition of the merit of these Folding Tubs.

Before I decided to take up the proposition I talked it all over with Ed. Bowers, who worked alongside of me in the store. I offered Ed. a half interest in the business, but he couldn't "see" it. "No, Butler," he said, "that might be all right for an experienced salesman, but you and I couldn't pull the deal across." It took more than Ed.'s pessimism, however, to put a damper on my enthusiasm. I was mind made up to win. Ed. said, "Too bad, Butler," when I quit my job. "You'll be back in a week ready to ask for your old job back." "That's all right, Ed." I

answered. "I may be back in a week for my old job, but at least I'm going to make the try." Ed. smiled in a superior fashion, little believing that I would by any chance succeed.

I started out bright and early one Tuesday morning at 8:30, a little nervous I will admit, but resolved to break away from the grim grind of daily toil for a meager pittance, resolved to get into a business of my own where I would be the "boss" and where my profits would be limited only by the time and effort I put into the business. I decided first of all to try out the game with people whom I did not know, and who would not order through friendship, but because they realized the value of the tub. Well, to make a long story short, when I went home to lunch after my first morning's work, I had disposed of three tubs. You can imagine my enthusiasm. Here I had been working for \$14 a week and the first morning in my own business I had made \$15. The first week my profits were more than I had ever made before in a month. Since that time I have known the stimulus of financial success. I soon found it necessary to appoint several sub-agents. The liberal commission the Company allowed their agents enabled me to do this. I could pay my sub-agents a good big profit and still make from \$1.00 to \$2.00 on every sale they made. Many of my agents have sold several tubs daily. My business is growing every day, and I am very optimistic as to the future.

I will never forget the first house I called on. As I rang the door bell, my heart was in my mouth, and my feet were beginning to get just a little bit cold. Remember, the only things I had ever sold were pickles, prunes and peaches and like food-stuffs behind a grocery counter. And then I simply sold what the people asked for. If they hadn't have been hungry I probably wouldn't have sold them this. But after all, what is salesmanship? Simply a good sprinkling of common sense, absolute truthfulness and the understanding of human nature. And when all is said and done, we humans are pretty much alike. We may wear different colored neckties, and root for different ball teams, but at heart we're all pretty much on the same order in our likes, wants, needs and desires. Of course I was selling a necessity, something nearly every home needed, a Folding Bath Tub. I simply had to show my tub to the lady of the house, tell her how it worked, and she sold herself. "That's just what we need. My husband will be delighted." And there was the order just as easy as selling a pound of sugar in the store. Many a woman to whom I sold a tub referred me to neighbors and friends, and by her good words really sold the tub for me.

Opportunity, after all, is not the will-o'-the-wisp, as some people claim, that comes to every man's door once in a lifetime, but a friend who is with you all the time if you will only realize it, and reach forth your hand to grasp the Big Chances as they come. Every honest man and woman in America has the same opportunity today that I had, for the Company always needs good, hustling representatives. They will start others on the same liberal basis on which they started me, assist them as they assisted me to a big financial success. I believe that any honest man or woman can make more in a day selling the Robinson Folding Bath Tub than they can in a week at anything else.

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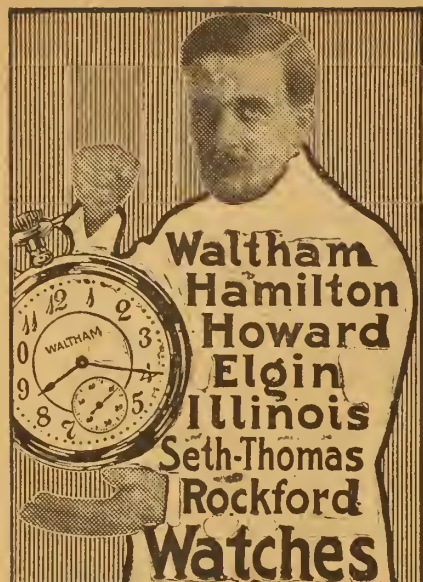
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Once an old dorky visited a doctor and was given definite instructions as to what he should do. Shaking his head, he started to leave the office, and the doctor said:

"Here, Rastus, you forgot to pay me."

"Pay yo' for what, boss?"

"For my advice," replied the doctor.

"Naw, suh; naw, suh; I ain't gwine take it," and Rastus shuffled out.

A LUCKY PRISONER.

Old Lawyer—"I cannot take your case. Circumstantial evidence is so strong against you that it will be impossible to prove your innocence."

Prisoner—"But I am not innocent. I am guilty."

Old Lawyer—"Oh, then maybe I can clear you."

NOT A GOOD ENGLISH REPLY.

A gentleman had left his corner seat in an already crowded railway car, to go in search of something to eat, leaving a rug to reserve his seat. On returning he found that in spite of the rug and the protests of his fellow-passengers the seat had been usurped by one in lady's garments. To his protestations her lofty reply was:

"Do you know, sir, that I am one of the director's wives?"

"Madam," he replied, "were you the director's only wife, I should still protest."

ONE CHANCE OF EFFECTING A CURE.

A nervous young lady called a physician for a slight ailment, but one which she magnified in her own estimation into a serious one.

"Run," said the doctor to a servant, giving him a prescription, "to the nearest drug store, and bring back the medicine as quickly as you can."

"Is there much danger?" asked the young lady, in alarm.

"Yes," said the doctor; "if your servant is not quick it will be useless."

"Oh, doctor I shall I die?" gasped the patient.

"There is no danger of that," said the doctor, "but you may get well before John returns."

PRO AND CON.

A middle-aged woman with an armful of parcels was walking along Mission Street yesterday, when she suddenly stopped and stared at a laborer shoveling dirt out of a trench in the street. As he straightened up she recognized her divorced husband.

"Ah! how are yez, Moike? Phwat are yez doin'?"

He tried to wither her with a glare, but she continued to smile sweetly.

"Yez phawnt t' know phwat O'im doin', eh? Well, O'im earnin' alimony. Phwat are yez doin'?"

"Shure, Moike, O'im a-shpendin' it." He resumed his shoveling, and she went on down the street, feeling pretty well satisfied with herself.

NOT SO GREAT, AFTER ALL.

Sir Robert Ball, the famous English astronomer, whose death occurred some time ago, used to tell a little story of an experience that he had when he was at the Dunsinck Observatory. A farmer came to him one day and asked if he might look at the moon through the telescope. "Surely you can," said Ball. "Come 'round tonight, and I shall be very happy to let you see it through the telescope."

"Can't I see it now?" asked the farmer, surprised.

"I am sorry that you cannot," said the astronomer. "You will have to wait until night."

"Huh! Then your old telescope is not so great a thing as I thought it was!" cried the man, relieved from his illusion. "I can see the moon at night without it."

HE PLAYED THE DRUM.

"Your talk about determining people's occupations by their faces sounds to me a good deal like tommyrot," said the man in golf stockings to the smart physiognomist, who had been trying to impress a street-car audience with the extent and accuracy of his attainments; "there is a good deal more to be learned from their general physique, the set of the shoulders, condition of their various muscles, etc."

"I'll bet you five," replied the physiognomist, "that you can't come within forty rods of judg-

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"Nein," the man replied; "I blay der bass drum in der orchestra."

THE HUMOROUS SIDE.

The practical joker must always be willing to have the fun turned back upon himself, for his efforts often result in his own discomfiture.

"Father," said a young hopeful the other day, "how many fowls are there on this table?"

"Why," said the old gentleman, as he looked complacently on a pair of nicely roasted chickens that were smoking on the table, "there are two."

"Two," replied the smart boy; "there are three, sir, and I'll prove it."

"Three!" replied the old gentleman, who was a plain, matter-of-fact man; "I'd like to see you prove it."

"Easily done! Easily done! Is not that one?" said the smart boy, laying his knife on the first; "and that two?" pointing to the second; "and do not one and two make three?"

"Really," said the father, turning to his wife, who was stupefied at the immense learning of the son; "really, this boy is a genius and deserves to be encouraged;" and then to show that there's fun in old folks as well as in young ones, he added, "Wife, do you take one fowl, and I'll take the second, and John may have the third for his learning."

GOING TO RETIRE.

A business man accustomed to hard work for many years usually finds idleness irksome. Men who have been actively in the harness as a rule do not like to retire, although retirement in old age is the goal of the average worker. A successful Chicagoan, who has reached sixty years, said to me the other day, "I am going to quit. I have worked for thirty years without a week's vacation; now I am going to rest for thirty years. I have earned every dollar I possess; and I intend to spend money and stop worrying about accumulating it."

I applauded this determination and inquired how he intended to spend his leisure.

"I have bought a homestead in Blank," he said, naming a small town in Michigan, "and I shall remove there with my family, and simply wallow in idleness and contentment."

"But how will you pass your spare time?" I insisted.

"Well, I'll hunt and fish," he said.

"Good; but that will not keep you busy the year round," I ventured.

"No; but I shall read. I'll take all the papers. I will get together a little library, too."

"What will occupy all your extra time?"

"Oh, I shall walk about a great deal, I dare say. Exercise, you know—great thing for an old man."

"Is that your entire program?"

"N—no, not exactly," he said, hesitatingly. "I'm going to organize a private bank down there and manage it."

THE GREENHORN'S ADVANTAGE.

I was sitting on a keg of nails in a West Virginia mountain store watching a native dickering with the merchant over a trade of a basket of eggs for a calico dress. After some time a bargain was closed, the native walked out with the dress in a bundle under his arm, and I followed him.

"It isn't any business of mine," I said, "but I was watching that trade, and was surprised to see you let the eggs go for the dress."

"What fer?" he asked in astonishment, as he mounted his horse.

"How many eggs did you have?"

"Basketful."

"How many dozen?"

"Dunno. Can't count."

"That's where you miss the advantage of education. With knowledge you might have got two dresses for those eggs."

"But I didn't want two dresses, mister," he argued.

"Perhaps not, but that was no reason why you should have paid two prices for one. The merchant got the advantage of you because of his education. He knew what he was about."

He looked at me for a minute, as if he felt real sorry for me. Then he grinned and pulled his horse over close to me.

"I reckon," he half whispered, casting furtive glances toward the store, "his education ain't so much more'n mine ez you think it is. He don't know how many uz them aigs is sp'iled, an' I do," and he rode away before I could argue further.

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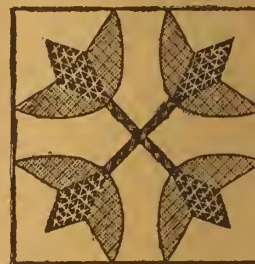
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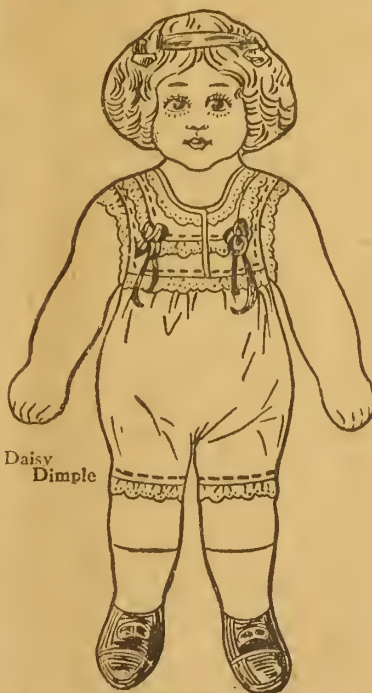
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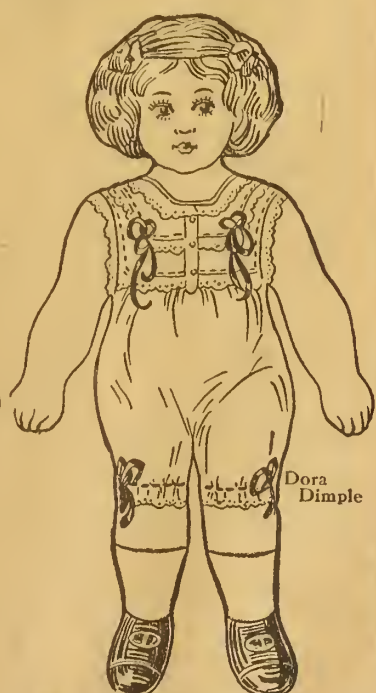
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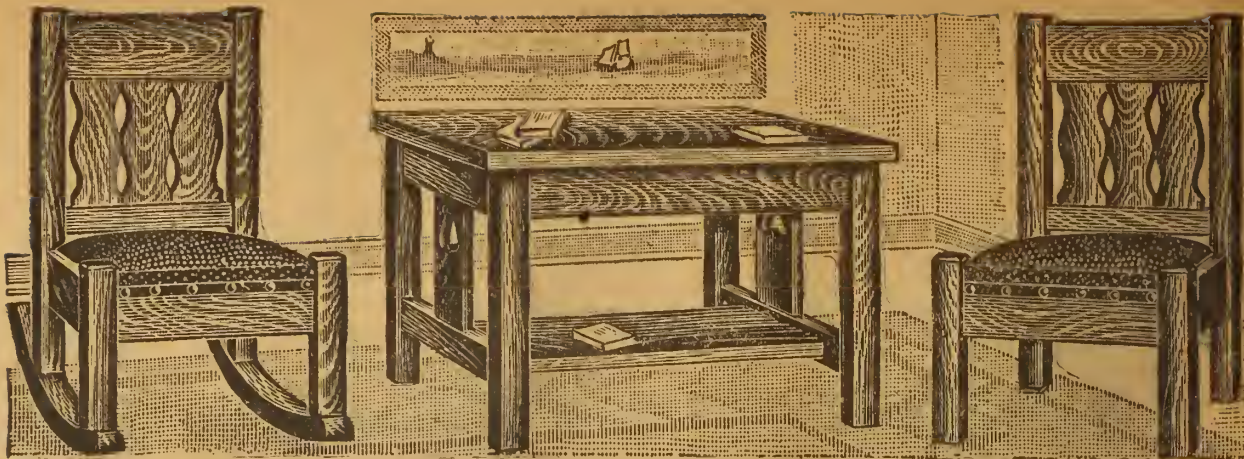
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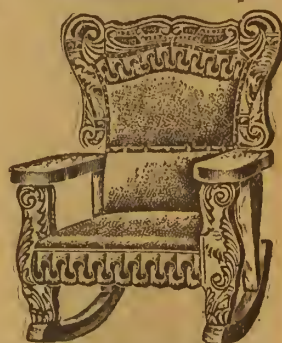


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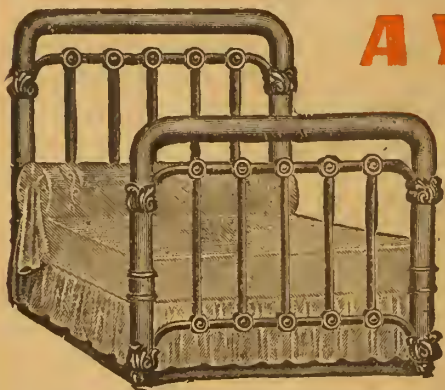
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Sometimes, in passing through a crowd, we see a face that attracts us by its sweetness of expression. Perhaps it is an old face, crowned with a glory of hoary hairs; yet love, joy and peace shine out of every dot and wrinkle in it. Sometimes it is a young face that beams with health and purity and beauty. But whether old or young, when we see that unmistakable soul light in a face we know that the heart behind it is pure, the life good and that the body thus illumined is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Keep the mind occupied with good, pure, useful, beautiful and divine thoughts.

Relative Food-Value of Potatoes and Wheat

The United States Department of Agriculture has recently been investigating and making comparison of the food-values of wheat and potatoes, because of the increase in price of wheat flour. The department reports that at present prices potatoes have some advantage over the grain. However, the report shows that the constituents of each are so different in their natures that the best and most advantageous policy is to use both liberally. Many families fail to use potatoes as freely as they should, especially as they are so easily cooked and may be prepared in so very many appetizing ways.

Sugar and Sunshine

It is a wonderful process, this sugar making, from the ripening and planting of the seed, the culture of beets, digging the vegetables and their manipulation in the factory, to the two spoonfuls of the beautifully granulated sugar which you put in your coffee. To think that this sour old world has sugar in her heart! And it tickles folks since they have found it out. Sugar makers and beet growers have also learned this: If the vegetables are dug during a protracted spell of cloudy weather, then the beets yield a comparatively small per cent of sweetness. If, however, they are gathered when the days are all sunshine, then the output of sugar is very largely increased. A hint that we should all try to make sunshine wherever we go.

"Hustlers" and "Bustlers"

"He's a regular hustler, eh?" said the man in the street car to an acquaintance. "He thinks he is," was the laughing reply; "but he is only a hustler." However ignorant the dictionary may be in regard to the modern meaning of the word, the business world has accepted "the hustler," and we all know the man—wide-awake, energetic, capable, swift to plan, and prompt to execute. What he undertakes is pushed to completion with all the skill and dispatch at his command. But the world holds many who are only bustlers—keeping a constant commotion about them, but doing nothing. They rush here and there, take hold of this and that, are always in a whirl of excitement over some enterprise, but they never accomplish much. They fancy themselves the most busy and industrious of people, when in reality their energy is expending itself in mere bustle. It is worth while, in the midst of our pursuits and enthusiasms, to make sure to which class we belong—whether we are wasting our strength uselessly, or whether we have some clearly defined object in view, and are pressing toward it with well-directed effort.

This Little Round World

Yes, "little" now, in comparison with what the earth's surface appeared to be to the people of earth previous to the middle of the nineteenth century. Then there was little communication between the continents, as the world had no telegraph, telephone, fast steamers, nor railroads. There was little letter writing, as the mailing systems were not established. Now, with the present means of communication, newspapers published in all parts of the globe publish more world news every day, gathered from all remote quarters, than could formerly be published in a year's time. Only as we are able to comprehend this stupendous fact are we able to realize how much old earth has shrunk in size. Now the inhabitants of Europe and of Asia and South America and Africa, too, seem to be near enough to our own country to make them neighbors to us. The world is not yet fully adjusted to these new conditions, although many radical changes have been wrought, affecting the people generally, as well as nations. One of the results, to be accomplished in the near future, will be the establishment of a world's congress, with representatives from all nations, and empowered to legislate for the good of all people. Then will wars cease.

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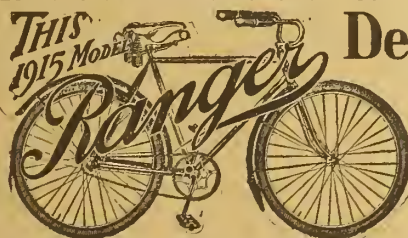
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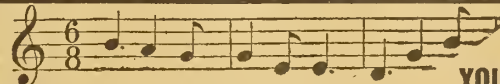
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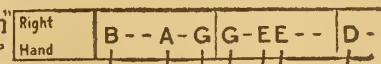
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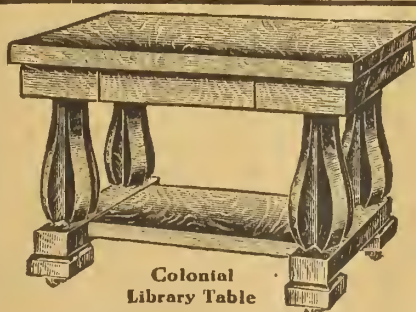
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The Yellow Satin

By KATE LANGLEY BOSHER

"GOOD morning!" Mrs. Barrett leaned toward the woman at her right and pushed the roll of satin closer to her. "Please help me. This shade of yellow—do you think it would make a pretty dress—a becoming one, I mean?"

Mrs. Jamieson turned and put her lorgnette to her eyes. "Good morning. Oh, it's Mrs. Barrett. I didn't recognize you." The lorgnette was turned upon the yellow satin. "I think it's a very pretty color, that is, for people who like yellow. I never did. My clothes have to last me too long to get anything conspicuous. If, however, you like it—"

"I'm not crazy about it. I just thought it was an unusual shade." At arm's length the soft folds were held off. "I had to get a new dress for the Duvall's party, and Recole takes so long to make anything."

"I didn't know Recole would make a dress unless she furnished the materials. My niece gets her clothes from her, but she is only allowed to state her preference as to color and texture. Recole is a tyrant—the secret of her success, I suppose. I still have Mrs. Ford to make my things. She does leave you enough for car fare, and sometimes lets you have a dress a month or so after she has promised it. That yellow satin is very pretty, but you will never get it in time for the party if Recole is to make it."

"Oh, I guess it will be ready." Into Mrs. Barrett's face the color crept slowly. "Of course, you are going?"

"I don't know whether I will or not. Once upon a time when you went to a party you knew the people you would meet there, but nowadays you can only count on those who have recently given one or are likely to do so soon. I don't think I'll go," and without so much as a nod the lorgnette's owner and the lorgnette were gone.

Quickly the girl behind the counter caught up the satin. "Mrs. Jamieson was so droll, wasn't she—so abrupt and blunt? Everybody was talking about the party. The bride had the loveliest clothes, it was said, but nothing could be lovelier than a gown of such gorgeous color as this. It took so little to make a gown nowadays. The Misses Dorin had gotten white. White was rather trying to ladies of their age. They were not old, of course, only—" The girl laughed, and pulled down a box of chiffons. "Could anything be more heavenly than that?" The combination was held aloft, and into Mrs. Barrett's eyes came swift yearning which gradually changed to uncertainty, and then decision, and getting up, she watched the yards measured and cut off.

"To Recole's you want this sent, you said, and charged, of course?"

"Charged, yes. I think—" Mrs. Barrett hesitated and fastened her veil more securely. "I believe I will get you to

send it home. I won't decide upon the trimmings until I know how it is to be made," and with a smile she tried to make carelessly indifferent, she walked away, as if the buying of an evening gown was an every-day affair.

But it was of moment, and somehow something dreadful seemed to have happened. Hurrying out of the store, she turned off the shopping street and into a side one and walked rapidly toward her home. What was the matter with her? Suppose she had bought a yellow satin dress, and suppose she had implied that Recole was to make it? When a woman had been married fourteen years, and never went anywhere, and always made her own clothes, it was only natural to sometimes want something that wasn't deadlly practical, with somebody else to

"Oh, nothing." Mrs. Barrett turned her eyes from those of her sister-in-law. Anita's eyes were so frankly penetrating. "Where are you going?"

"To Mrs. Martin's. I want the address of that club which ordered so much pickle from her last year. Mrs. Martin has given up making pickle on account of rheumatism and says I may have her customers. Two boys and two girls and a lawyer husband make pickle purchasers desirable acquaintances. Mrs. Martin has bought two houses with pickles. If I can get the children through college with them, I—"

"You don't mean you're going to make pickle to sell?" Mrs. Barrett's eyes were as unbelieving as her voice. "You certainly wouldn't do—"

"I certainly would. I can make pickle just as good as Mrs. Martin's. The children are no longer little. I am strong and healthy, and why shouldn't I help? They've got to be educated if it takes pickles and preserves both!" Anita's laugh was joyously unafraid. "Allen has worked hard and faithfully, but the Barrett's aren't money-making people. They haven't the instinct and don't care enough for it."

"They have no ambition."

Anita turned quickly. The note in Sarah's voice was something new. "I don't think it is lack of ambition," she said quietly. "They have a curious shrinking pride which paralyzes them when they mingle with men of means, and because of it they stay too closely to themselves. They are not good fighters, and modern business methods are difficult for men of their type. But if a good name is better than riches, they have the advantage over some people we know. I wonder if Mr. Perkins would sell me cucumbers in brine at wholesale prices?"

Sarah Barrett smoothed her muff and looked down at it. "I don't know. I suppose you are going to the Duvall's party?"

"I surely am not. If there is one person in the world I really and truly do not admire it is my cousin Henrietta Duvall. Sham and show is the world she lives in, and I don't doubt she owes more money this minute than she can pay in years. As for her kitchen—"

"That has nothing to do with it. She is the leader here, and for your children's sake—"

"My children's sake!" Again Anita looked at her sister-in-law. It was pathetic, Sarah's exceeding desire to be fashionable. And yet, perhaps, it was natural. When big, jolly Dick Barrett had married Sarah Lambert she was unknown to the family, but she had made him a good wife and the family had accepted her with no outward evidence of their inward astonishment that a Barrett had married outside of his circle; and not for some time had they realized the

TO A SWEET PEA

Sweet little flower, who cares to sing thy praise?

Who crowns thee with the gem of glowing words?

Thou'rt but a simple thing of every day,
Familiar as the myriad-numbered birds.

Thou canst not match the lily's purity;
The royal rose bedims thy utmost glow;
And far Japan has sent her fairest queen
To bid thee bow thy head and bend it low.

Thou'rt built of common earth; no royal blood
Flows richly through thy humble, peasant veins;

Not thine the palace, better thou shouldst keep
Thy lowly place beside the village lanes.

And yet, sweetheart, thou hast a fairer place
Than princely blood or grace could give to thee—

A quiet resting place in gentle hearts
That love thee for thy sweet simplicity.

Let high-born flowers contend to win the crown;
Let nobles strive to seat them on the throne;
Do thou, sweet flower, in quiet, fragrant peace,
Possess the loving hearts that are thine own.
—Chas. I. Junkin.

make it. They would always be poor, for Dick would always be a salaried man with no hope of promotion, and there was nothing to look forward to but an existence that meant the counting of every dollar before it was spent. She was so tired of it, tired of everything, and especially of living in a town where the best people did things you couldn't do, and where you had to be ignored and forgotten and never invited to places because you couldn't invite back. She knew Mrs. Duvall very slightly, and it was certainly very kind of her to invite Dick and herself to the reception she was to give the new daughter-in-law. She was going. Dick could do as he chose, but one might as well be dead if one was never to do the things one wanted to do.

PICKLES VS. PARTIES

"Affairs of the nation or merely of the state?" A clear, happy voice made her look up. "What's the puzzle?"

MERELY HUMAN BEINGS

ambition that possessed her. She and Allen had often smiled at it, and if Sarah had been rich— But she wasn't rich, and therein lay the trouble. To attempt to live in a way you can't afford to live was— Sarah would have to find out for herself what it was. She and Allen had found out some time ago and had come to their senses.

"Just at present pickles for my children's sake are of more importance than parties." Anita opened her umbrella. "I believe it's raining. Good-by," and in a moment she was lost to sight.

THE DAY OF DAYS

Ten days later Mrs. Barrett waked with a dull, nervous feeling that something unhappy had happened, was happening, and was going to keep on happening. What was it? Slowly she got up. It was the day of the party, the day toward which she had looked forward. Dick had gone out early again. For some weeks now he had been going to work before breakfast and back again after supper, and yet he never said why, merely that there was work to do. Something seemed the matter with Dick.

On her way downstairs she touched a dark object on the banister. It was Dick's overcoat. Why in the world hadn't he put it on? Holding it to the light, she saw a long tear in the lining, and one sleeve was nearly out. With a flush of shame she remembered he had asked her a week ago to mend the coat. She had intended to do so, but had forgotten. The yellow satin had taken more time than she expected. But Dick should have reminded her. It was like him to go on and say nothing.

"Mammy says she can't come today; she's sick. She say please 'm send her wages. She wants to git her some medicine and some—"

"Not coming!" Mrs. Barrett turned so suddenly that the little girl jumped. "And what does she think I'm going to do? I'm sicker than she is this minute, but I can't stay in bed and have somebody to wait on me! Does she suppose I can cook and clean and do all the other things at the same time I'm sewing on my dress? What's the matter with her?"

"She's got a misery in her stomach and a buzzin' in her head when she stand up, and she can't stand. She say please 'm send her her money, and if'n you can't send it all, send her three dollars, please 'm. Pappy he sick, too, and the children done et up all the food there is, and she say—"

"I haven't got any money." Mrs. Barrett took an apron from behind the pantry door and tied it around her waist. On the table was a cup half filled with tea, and pieces of cold bread and ham were on a plate beside it. "Mr. Barrett has had his breakfast. You'll have to come back this afternoon. It's very strange that Mandy always gets sick when I need her most."

"But she say her month was up day 'fore yesterday and you forgot." Down the little black face tears rolled in big round drops, and little black fingers twisted and untwisted the corners of her apron. "There ain't a thing to eat in the house, 'cep'n 'tis molasses, and Mammy she groan all night long, lessen 'twas when pappy was a-groanin', and they was

groanin' together when I came 'way. She jes' bound to have some money. She—"

Mrs. Barrett went into the store room. Mandy's groans were a common occurrence and not to be taken too seriously; still she must have food. Opening the bread box she took from it most of the bread that was in it. Tea, sugar, eggs, bacon and potatoes were put in a basket and handed to the child. "Run on with these," she said, "and come back this afternoon for the money. And tell your mother to be sure and come tomorrow."

Two hours later breakfast was over, the children at school and the house straightened, and once more Mrs. Barrett was in the room at the end of the hall, on her lap the yellow satin, and in her ears a sound as of numbers knocked together with a clear clicking sound. It was nearly finished, the beautiful thing on which she sewed, and as she put in the last stitches, half aloud she talked to herself:

"Of course I oughtn't to have done it, but I didn't realize how many things besides the dress it would take. It's as true as death that short legs can't keep step with long ones, and people who are poor have legs that are short." Her fingers stopped their rapid stitching. "Dick's overcoat," she said. "I mustn't forget it again. It's such a shabby old overcoat. If only—" The folds of soft satin seemed staring at her. A new overcoat and a new suit could have been gotten for less than the dress would cost, and very probably she wouldn't wear it again during the winter.

"But it isn't just the dress, it's what it represents," she went on, as if speaking

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Probably there is no flower in the whole plant world which is admired more and understood less today than the orchid, the development and cultivation of which are discussed by J. Costantin in a paper of the Smithsonian Annual Report. Even the simpler orchids are very curious plants, of the so-called endogenous type, belonging to the same group as the lilies, palms, and grasses, but differing from them greatly in having showy and often highly colored flowers of remarkably diverse forms. Upon entering a house filled with orchids one is literally amazed by the bizarre display, the brilliancy of color and the peculiar forms of leaves, petals and roots. The number of known species is greater than that of any of the related families, even not excepting the grasses, totaling 6,000 species, included in 4,000 genera. This great number is, no doubt, due very largely to the diligent search which has been made for these plants in all countries, for purposes of cultivation, on account of their beauty and very great popularity. They have otherwise very little economic value, excepting a few members, such as the vanilla plant, from which the well-known extract is prepared.

Some of the orchids are terrestrial; that is, they grow their roots in the ground. The great majority, however, including most tropical species, are epiphytes—"air plants"—which grow on trees and shrubs, but receive no nourishment from them. This peculiarity was chiefly responsible for the difficulty which was experienced in successfully growing many species upon their introduction into Europe from Asia and Malaysia in the eighteenth century. The proper mode of cultivation was perfected little by little, as soon as the necessity was realized of reproducing artificially the conditions under which the plant grew in nature. For most epiphytes the scheme was devised of fastening the roots to a piece of wood, together with a little moss or absorbent peaty substance, by means of copper wire. Plants thus prepared were hung in very warm greenhouses and kept constantly moist by frequent drenching. It was supposed that tropical plants required an invariably hot, humid atmosphere; and it was not foreseen that mountain species of tropical regions could not be treated essentially like tropical plants that are accustomed to elevated temperatures.

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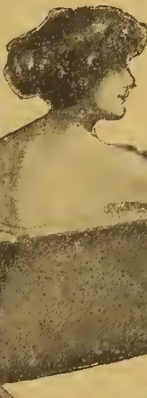
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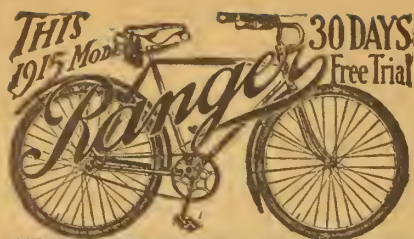
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While the Haeenanthus is quite different from century plants, certain experts say that it may be one hundred years before it will blossom again, according to tradition of its native lair. The plants were brought from South Africa about seven years ago and at that time it was doubted if they ever would bloom. The height is from two to three feet, the leaves being wide and rolling, one foot in length, while the blossoms (three on one specimen) have the appearance of women's powder puffs or fluffy paint brushes. Their color is a peculiar purple, turning into yellow at the tips of the blossoms.

RHODODENDRONS AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

Three car-loads of rare varieties of rhododendrons for the decoration of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition grounds were received yesterday from the famous Gill Nurseries in England. Among them are one thousand rhododendron cornubia, originally transplanted to England from the Nimalya mountains, which comprise the largest shipment of the kind ever sent to this country. The plants of this variety are over six feet in height and have a brilliant red flower that blossoms early in February. For this

with the hoe" in the field or garden. Should the ground get too hard at times for the hoe, use the spading fork, and spade deep as you dare, mellowing the soil well each time.

I begin to prepare the soil for planting even before danger from frosts is over. As soon as the soil will work up dry and fine, put in some well-rotted manure, spade deep, and work the soil as fine as meal; throw back part of the dirt as a back ridge to be brought around the flowers as they grow taller. This gives room for deep rooting.

Sow the seed when the sign is in the bloom. When the plants are up, protect them from frosty nights. Thin out all weak plants and do not let the plants grow too thick—let the plants have room to develop. Save the plants of both dark and light green leaves; these bear different colored flowers.

In dry seasons, after the evening cultivation, pour water right at the roots of each plant. This does the work, and for dry regions, where water is scarce, will answer all purposes well. It is not necessary to flood the ground. If the plants become too dusty, wash lightly by sprinkling. But I have grown beautiful vines for shade, full of immense blooms, by the evening cultivation, which at night brings some moisture from the air to refresh them. Do not cultivate and water them



Hardy Climbing Rose

reason they are to be used as the first of the series of floral decorations that are to keep the exposition grounds in continual bloom throughout the ten months of its existence.

The past few days have been marked by the influx of great quantities of exhibits and shipments of various kinds to the exposition grounds. Among them several hundred tons of exhibits and materials for the Australian and Swedish buildings. The Swedish shipment includes all of the native-made furniture for the building, and a collection of dolls in costume, designed to show the peasant dress in various parts of Sweden and at various periods in the country's history.

The preparations for the Japanese display at the exposition, including booths in nearly all of the exhibit buildings, are in advance of those of any other country. Installations will commence on Monday, when nine hundred tons of exhibits are due to arrive from Japan.

GROWING CLIMBING NASTURTIUMS.

My best success this year in cut flowers was with climbing nasturtiums used on a trellis and vining on the ground.

"The woman with the hoe" is just as necessary in flower culture as "the man

with the sun shines, as it is a waste of work and the vines will look wilted.—Miss Mattie Record, Illinois.

EVERBLOOMING ROSES THE FAVORITE.

I have had the greatest success in growing everblooming roses. I accomplished a wonderful success in growing them and getting them to thrive. My methods were as follows: I planted the roses when received in February in pots of rich dirt, kept them well watered and protected them from the cold. I placed them near a window in order that they might get the benefit of the sun's rays, and as soon as the weather would permit I transplanted the roses in the garden in a warm place, and kept them well watered, with plenty of manure around the plants. I would dig around them a trench about three inches deep and about four inches from the roots, then covered with dirt. I kept the ground well stirred around the roots every week, and the weeds and grass all cleaned away from the plants. The roses began to bloom in June the first year, and bloomed until frost. I also kept the roses pulled to make them bloom more, and especially the ones that have bloomed and died.—Miss Louise Cheek, North Carolina.



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Why the Position Pays You So Well

Such letters give you some idea of how easy it is to sell the King Separator & Aerator. Many of my representatives write me they have no trouble at all in taking orders from 8 out of every 10 farmers or cow-owners they call on. Whether a man owns one cow or a big herd, he surely needs a King Separator—there isn't anything "just as good," or anywhere near as good. The King is made in 3 sizes—3, 5 and 8 gal. capacities. I allow my representatives from \$2.50 to \$5.00 on every machine ordered through them, depending upon the size. This will give some idea of the profits made by the men whose names appear in the next column.

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J. H. Clark, Bonham, Tex., writes: "Took 5 orders Saturday. Everybody well pleased with the machine." Ellsworth Benjamin, Humphrey Center, N. Y., writes: "I am a farmer and have 18 cows and had cream of my own. Tried the separator and found it satisfactory. Went out next day and was gone 2 hours and took orders for 3." Geo. W. Mitchell, Le Roy, Minn., 3 days after receiving sample, orders 18 separators and says "expect to send another big order soon." Wilford Brown, Curtis, Mich., says: "Made 5 calls and sold 5 machines." "Ship 40 machines. Will order more in a few days."—J. M. Poston, Eufala, Ala.

These are just sample extracts from hundreds of letters from representatives who have found this work so exceedingly profitable. Some had previously worked on the farm, others in stores, factories, on the road; some had owned their own business and been employers themselves, but found this work more to their liking, an easier and quicker way to build up fat bank accounts. Most had no experience as salesmen. Why can't you do as well as the average man? Maybe you can do as well as the best of them.

Made Over \$50 in 2 Days

Miss Essie Reeves, Box 93, Lineville, Ala., writes: "I thank you very much for letting me appoint sub-agents. My father worked 2 days and sold 20 machines. We are going to turn all of our attention to this business."

Best Thing Ever Got Hold Of

J. D. Hardy, St. Johns, Oreg., sold out his store to take up this work because as he says, "It is the best thing for me I ever got hold of. I have men after me, or the agency. I am glad I had splendid success the first time." In telling about one demonstration with the King he says: "It just took that man off his feet. Said he never saw anything like it before. We had about 4 lbs. of as golden yellow butter as you ever saw."

Think of the gain in dollars and cents—because of the greater quantity and the better quality of butter! The extra profit that the King makes very soon pays its cost—so it really doesn't cost its owner anything! As a matter of fact, every man who makes his own butter loses considerable money if he does not own a King Separator; he can't afford not to own one? He instantly recognizes this fact once he sees what the King can do. Is it any wonder so many of my workers report that the King literally "sells like hot cakes"?

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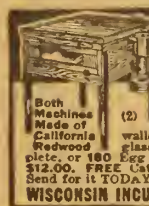
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Evergreen Vines for Ground Covering—Mrs. J. M. Coffield, Ohio—The different forms of English ivy will probably give you the best plant for an evergreen ground covering. There are different varieties that have different forms of leaves, plain and variegated. The plant is of easy culture and dense in its growth, and the writer believes you will find it as satisfactory as anything you can plant.

Madonna Lily—F. F. Kepler, Ohio—The old-fashioned white Madonna lily is a common item in most of the plant and bulb catalogues, and while it is more in season in the fall catalogues it is generally listed in all spring books. Those catalogue houses not listing it in the spring issues will undoubtedly be in position to supply it anyway. If the bulbs are secured at this time and planted in the first open spell (and protected so as to keep the ground about them as dry as possible), they will give good results the coming season.

Greenhouse Hydrangeas—Mrs. J. W. Lovell, Alabama—From the cut you sent for examination, the writer is inclined to believe the plants have simply lost their leaves through being too dry or having been chilled. These plants are not subject to insects or plant diseases, but it is necessary that they have rich, porous soil and planted or kept in partly shaded location, or, if in the sun, where they can have sufficient moisture. You might strip the plants of all leaves and trim them so as to be shapely. This will induce a new growth, and with the summer growing season the plants may come out all right.

Entering the Floral Business—M. J. Wilson, Michigan—One of the first important steps in entering the florist business is to read up on the subject in a thorough and practical way. The amateur garden paper, "The Garden Magazine," of New York City, is an excellent paper; but if you are taking up the growing of plants for profit it would be better to secure some of the trade papers, as well as one or two books dealing with the special list of plants which you expect to handle. The publishers of "The Florists Exchange," 8 Duane Street, New York City, can furnish you with any information in any line on the subject.

Cyclamen from Seed—Mrs. Gordon Black, Oregon—Cyclamen can be obtained at this time from any of the catalogue seedsmen, and while germinating fairly rapidly the plants are of very slow growth and cannot be brought into flowering size until another winter. They simply require a light, cool soil, well drained, and from the time the seedlings are potted, must be constantly shifted into pots of slightly increased size and the roots not allowed to become pot-bound, and if allowed to do so, the leaves will curl and will not develop properly. For the white worms in the soil of your potted plants, see reply to Helen S. Hodsden, Indiana, this issue.

Moles in the Soil—Miss Della Julian, Oregon—There is nothing that is more aggravating than the work of ground moles. Few realize that florists are bothered with them, but they often appear in large propagating frames or beds or where special testing plantings have been made and do considerable damage. There are several mole traps that can be used successfully, the Reddick being probably the best. The writer has used a number of these traps on lawns and they will make catches nine times out of ten. The traps sell for about \$1.00 and are placed or set over the runway after it has been pressed down even with the surface of the ground. As the mole raises the ground the spring is released and the animal caught in the prongs. The writer has also had experience in successfully ridding planting locations of moles by making a number of cuts in a potato and filling the cuts with Paris green. The potato is then placed in a runway. Moles generally work just about noon and near six o'clock in the morning and evening, and a watch for them about this time will hardly ever miss finding them by a half hour either way.

Best Vines for Quick Growth—Mrs. E. C. Fletcher, New York—If you want to secure quick growth in a collection of vines you will, of course, be more or less limited to the annuals. There are a great many different kinds of vines and they represent many types of beauty. Some are grown principally for richness in foliage, others for flowers. They represent all degrees of hardiness and tenderness and vary much in height of growth and general decorative effect.

They climb in three general ways—by scrambling over other vines or plants without any particular means of ascent; by twining about the supports, and by clinging through organs such as roots or tendrils. It is therefore difficult to give a list of vines that will apply everywhere, but at the same time there are a number which are recognized leaders and which generally prove highly satisfactory. Among the list of hardy vines the writer would recommend Akebia Quinata, Dutchman's pipe, bitter sweet, Boston ivy, wild grape, Clematis Paniculata, large-flowering clematis, honeysuckles, matrimony vine and wistarias. A good selection of annual vines will be found in the balloon vine, Cobaea Scandens, cypress vine, Japanese variegated hop, moonflower, morning glory, ornamental gourds, scarlet runner and wild cucumber. All of the vines are popular in the catalogue trade, and you will not have any trouble in getting any of them.

Ficus Elastica or Rubber Plant—Mrs. A. Lofgren, Maine—The leaves falling from the large rubber plant simply indicates that it is not receiving proper and sufficient nourishment, and possibly that the temperature may be too low. If the leaves have fallen to make the plant unsightly, the writer would suggest that you prepare to bring the plant into new growth and in a way that will make it well branched and symmetrical. In March or April, when the growing season opens, preparations can be made to root the different tips of the plant. Beginning down about a foot from the tip of a branch make a cut lengthwise in the stem about three inches in length and half way through the wood, and hold the cut open by inserting a match or small stick crosswise of the cut. Then completely cover the cut with sphagnum moss to the size of a baseball, tying the moss firmly and keeping it wet at all times. In three weeks or so the roots from the cutting will show through the moss, and the cutting can then be severed from the plant. Potted at once and kept shaded for a few days, until the roots become established in the soil, is all that is necessary to secure the new plant. This method of propagation can be followed at the end of each single branch. After these cuttings are rooted and severed from the plant it will then be time to cut it back to any shape desired. All branches cut so that the plant stands two to three feet in height should bring out sufficient new shoots to make it shapely. Keep in mind that the ficus is a tropical plant and likes heat and moisture at all times, though shaded from the direct rays of the sun, and especially should it be shaded while the foliage is wet. There is little else that can be recommended in the treatment of the plant, as new foliage cannot be induced to grow from old stems that have lost their leaves.

Fertilizers—A. A. Watts, Missouri—You state in your inquiry that you have plenty of rain in April and May, but in the middle of summer it is hot, with drought. It is very much the same in Ohio, and mulching all plantings is necessary to get the best results. You state that horse manure is available, and the writer does not believe that he would bother about anything else. While the soft-coal cinders are not injurious, and if it is satisfactory to you, there would be every reason to use them, but a heavy mulching of horse manure, not too fresh, would really be far better. As a real fertilizer horse manure is not as good as cow manure, because it ferments quickly and much ammonia is lost, but as a mulch it is very good, especially for roses. The use of soap suds as a fertilizer for your garden is not worth the nasty effect that it leaves on the soil. Why not use nitrate of soda, which will make as much difference in the growth of the plants as there is between a plant one foot high and two feet high. A tablespoonful to six quarts of water will produce results which will be extremely pleasing to you if you have never used it before. Don't use stronger than stated above or the results will be exactly opposite. For annuals and perennials that grow on the north side of your house, and in almost total shade, would suggest the following for annuals: Antirrhinum, aquilegia, Bellis daisy, campanula, coropsis, forget-me-not, larkspur, monkshood, moonflower, morning glory, pansy, Iceland poppy, Oriental poppy, primroses, verbena; and for perennials: Aconitum, anemone, asters, boltonia, cerastium, digitalis, hermecallis, mallows, iris, lychnis, monarda, myosotis, hardy poppy, platycodens, primroses, veronica, violets, lupine, lily-of-the-valley, foxgloves and Lobelia Cardinalis. Soot from soft coal as a fertilizer when used as soot water makes excellent liquid manure, and may be used freely in the case of all growing crops. It is also good for lawns, and is especially good as a fertilizer for all sorts of soft-wooded pot plants.

TELLS WHY CHICKS DIE.

E. J. Reefe, poultry expert, of 713 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo., is giving away free a new book which tells of a simple home solution that raises 98 per cent of all chicks hatched and cures white diarrhoea over night. All poultry raisers should surely write for this valuable book free.

—Adv.

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Free Offer 5-HJ19 If you will send us with your order another order amounting to \$1.00 from a friend or neighbor who is not now a customer, we will send you the beautiful Hardy Porch Rose Climbing American Beauty illustrated above, free and postpaid.

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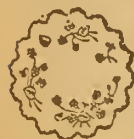
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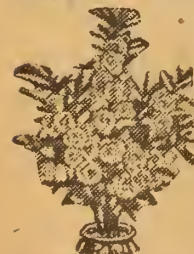
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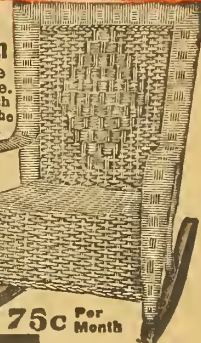
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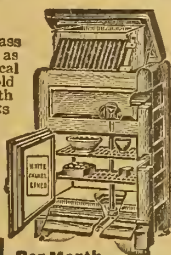


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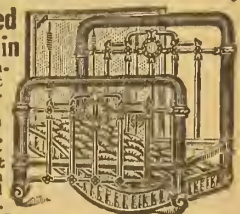
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REORGANIZATION.

The following article has been received from Headquarters and it would be well for every Branch to cut it out and keep. "At the meeting of the Board and Council a thorough reorganization of all committees and departments was determined upon. Charters will be given every Branch in good standing; all new Branches must have a charter for enrollment in the International Society.

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We feel that so many or all of our Branch members will want to know about the Sunshine Bulletin. It is full of helpful ideas about the work done by Branches everywhere. It is interesting from the first page to the last and will keep you informed on the Sunshine work. You cannot afford to be without it. It is 50 cents a year. Send direct to Mrs. Alden for it. Address 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The Manual is 25 cents and can be bought from Mrs. Alden.

WHERE TO SEND CHECK.

Friends in this world of hurry
And work and sudden end,
If a thought comes quick of doing
A kindness to a friend,
Do it this very instant!
Don't put it off—don't wait!
What's the use of doing a kindness
If you do it a day too late?

Mrs. Ida Lyon, Spangle, Wash., Box 6, was formerly a school teacher. Her health failed, and after six operations and all money used for them, she has been compelled to live in the County Home, which makes her very sad.

Miss Almira Pattison, care of State Hospital, Middletown, N. Y., wishes to be remembered at Easter. Says she did not receive much cheer at Christmas. She enjoys post cards and is very fond of sweets. She only has one living relative, a sister in Porto Rico, so she feels she is alone in the world. She asks for a copy of the Sunshine Bulletin.

It is sad in old age to be left homeless and sick. We know of a case. Mr. and Mrs. Gieve, of Lake Bay, Wash., Box 10A, have a mortgage of \$100 on their little home. They are both ill and worry over the business. They are anxious to get enough together to raise chickens and rabbits. In this way they can perhaps supply their needs and clear the mortgage.

A letter comes to us from a lady who was once well and strong. But she suffered a stroke and has been in a sad condition. She gets very lonely and wishes friends would send her cheer. She says as long as her son can work she will not ask for aid. Send her some stamps, so she may write to shut-ins. Address Mrs. Ida Fisher, Olean, N. Y., 608½ West State Street.

Mr. Fred Bizzell, Newton Grove, N. C., is a young shut-in who suffers from rheumatism. He asks for a dime shower to assist him to buy some mineral water which he has found through a test to benefit him. He finds more relief in this water than in drugs. Says he would be so grateful for any donation, no matter how small. He says he is destitute of clothing to keep him warm.

Miss Myrta Eshbaugh, of Tionesta, Pa., is a very worthy invalid who has been such for twelve years. She lives with her mother, who is also a partial invalid. They depend entirely on the kindness of friends for their support, and we know any little kindness would be deeply appreciated. This is a sad case. They are refined Christian people and needy now. A spinal brace is very much needed.

Miss Dolly Rose, of Manchester, Ohio, is a very patient sufferer, lying flat on her back in a wheel-chair, where she has lain for over twenty-five years. She does crochet work to help support herself, when able. Her widowed sister cares for her. We know a dime sent to Miss Rose would help her very much, for she is not able to make sales as she did once, as she cannot use her hands so much.

Mrs. James Kelley, of 145 Livingston Avenue, Albany, N. Y., is one of the most patient shut-ins, yet in great need. She lives alone, and has

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very little on which to live. She is a cripple, caused by being run down by a street car in the city of Albany. Her husband was scalded to death in a railroad wreck several years ago. He was an engineer. At one time she had plenty on which to live, but false friends got it from her. A silver offering to this good woman would be a great lift.

Miss Frank Whitney, of Mexico, N. Y., is another cheery shut-in who does much to try to cheer others. She depends on friends for her comforts. She is so grateful for everything received.

Mr. Reuben Dawley, of Mexico, N. Y., is a shut-in. He is an old soldier. He says he has not had any Sunshine letters for a long time. Do not forget him. Send him cheery cards and letters.

Cheerful letters, post cards, books, mottoes, silk and calico pieces and postage stamps would bring much cheer to Mrs. Alice Morse, of Hinesburg, Vt. She is a wheel-chair patient, having one limb amputated. A fine reference from her pastor says she is a noble character and loved by all who know her. Her limited means is the only barrier for doing for others. Her sister, Miss Nettie Barker, takes entire care of her. A cheery word to these two would dispel the gloom.

Miss Mary Ellen Willis, of Barnesville, Ga., R. F. D. 3, is a sufferer from rheumatism. She never walked a step in her life. She asks for cheer, as she gets very lonely. She cannot hear. She lives with a brother in the country. There she sits for months in her room, shut out from the world. She says she can crochet pretty baskets and bags for 25 cents each. She wishes "Sunshine Julia" and Brooklyn Girl would write. Silk pieces and crochet cotton would be gratefully received by her.

Mrs. Mary E. Fournier, of Mexico, N. Y., has been confined to the house for over a year. She gets very blue and discouraged. Who will send her a cheery message?

Hoosier Friend sends us two names for cheer: Mrs. Nicely Lobb, 86 years old, Hammonville, Ky., R. F. D. Mr. Elzy Lobb, Hammonville, Ky., R. F. D., is a helpless and hopeless cripple from rheumatism. Has been afflicted over twenty-five years. Both only need cheer. Cards would be appreciated.

We have a letter from a Sunshiner telling us of a sad case of an invalid who has been helpless since 1906. She has what is known as arthritis deformans, and pronounced as incurable, starting with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. All of her joints are rigid. She lies in the same position year in and year out, unable to move. She has a little son, 12 years old, who answers her correspondence. As she is so helpless it has been impossible to get any one to care for her, so her husband has to care for her, which makes them dependent, which of course makes it doubly hard. Mrs. Carr has composed quite a number of songs and poems during her affliction, and has given away hundreds of them. She will be glad to give to any for the asking and stamp for mailing. She has never put any price on her compositions, but many friends in distributing them have asked for a free-will offering for this shut-in. Mrs. Carr says she has received many letters telling of the inspiration derived from her verses, but she says she is not worthy of any praise. She says she is truly glad if she can be of use in the Master's cause and will gladly do what she can to cheer others, but wants God to have the praise. We are sure a silver offering sent to this afflicted sufferer would mean a great deal to them. Put her on your list. Address Mrs. Anna B. Carr, Diagonal, Iowa.

APPRECIATION.

Miss Nettie Barker and her sister, Mrs. Alice Morse, of Hinesburg, Vt., appreciate the cheer sent to them, and it has helped to make life more pleasant for both.

Mrs. Maude Reinhard, 439 South 13½ Street, Terre Haute, Ind., is very grateful to all who have sent her cheer. She is helpless and unable to write.

Miss Mabel Capwell, of Woodbury, Conn., thanks every one who so kindly remembered her. She is a delightful correspondent. Do not forget this young shut-in, who is very sad.

Mrs. Ella W. Price, of Ladoga, Ind., very much appreciates the loving messages of comfort and cheer sent to her, and wishes for all shut-ins and Sunshiners every and all blessings in life that are possible to mankind.

A letter of thanks comes from Mr. J. A. Davis, of Davis, S. D., telling us that a number of letters and cards have been received for his mother, who passed away May 2, 1914. He seemed very much pleased over these kindly thoughts, and adds, "May God bless the 'Sunshine Club.'"

In some way we neglected to acknowledge a letter of appreciation from Mrs. M. J. Maddox, of 709 Oliver Street, Elberton, Ga. She says she sent us word how much she appreciated the kindness of friends during the holidays. She

said she had such a good Christmas. Mrs. Maddox sent us a box of pretty things made from scraps of silk, and we sent them out to the shut-ins during the holidays. She is a shut-in and needy and worthy. She sells all kinds of plants and seeds for a living. Does the work in the flower garden while sitting down.

Mrs. C. C. Chapin, 1208 31st Street, Birmingham, Ala., sends thanks to all who sent her ribbons. She would be grateful for crochet directions for towel ends, etc. She would appreciate this kindness very much. She has been so very ill and much worried all winter, yet she appreciates all done for her.

Mrs. J. R. Henry, of Dandridge, Tenn., R. F. D. 5, thanks all who sent her yards of calico to complete her quilts. She is very thankful to all. She thanks the lady in Virginia who sent her quilt blocks which were pieced during the war. She says she will put them into a quilt and prize it highly for its history.

We take this space to thank each one who contributed toward the Gieve-Strickland Fund, and have tried to thank all who sent address. But the following persons did not, so we take this way of doing so. From Box 193, Clifton, Kan., \$1.00; from Clinton, S. C., 25 cents; from "A Sunshiner" from Kirkwood, Mo., 25 cents.

We sent a bank draft to Mr. and Mrs. Gieve for \$60 received toward the Mortgage Fund. They both wrote beautiful words of appreciation and asked us to thank each one who helped with the fund. The mortgage was extended for two years, but it is hoped that it can be lifted before that time. They were in great need when the money came, and feel that it is all that saved them. They are in great hopes to be able to raise chickens and rabbits this summer and get the mortgage entirely paid off. I do hope we can raise more than one hundred dollars yet for them. But Mrs. Gieve requests us not to ask for more. She feels much hurt over some letters received from persons telling her that others need the help worse than they did. We know this is untrue. We know that Mr. and Mrs. Gieve have done much in their past lives toward helping others, and we know now it is their time to be helped. So yet we will consider the fund still open to readers who would like to see this worthy couple save their home. Send direct to Mrs. Gertrude Cherry, Xenia, Ohio, and mark it "For the Gieve Fund." We have decided not to continue the two funds. We sent Mrs. M. A. Strickland \$50 out of the fund, and she is very grateful to all. Mrs. Strickland has had many sorrows and she requests that friends send her a letter party on Easter.

NOTES TO NOTICE.

Will the lady from Rahway, N. J., who sent the name of Miss L. M. Pickett, please send a written reference about Miss Pickett from her doctor as to her condition and worthiness? We dislike so much to withhold a shut-in's name, but we must protect our readers. We have learned this from sad experience. Every shut-in must have a written reference from the doctor.

Things intended for Mrs. Lucy Robertson should be addressed to Mrs. Charles Robertson, 184 Ashby Street, Spray, N. C. Another "Mrs. Lucy Robertson" in the same town has led us to demand this change, as Mrs. Charles Robertson has not received all the mail intended for her.

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Miss Anna Horton, of Arcadia, Tenn., a very worthy shut-in, sells rose beads at \$3.00 for a strand of one hundred.

Miss Bessie Parker, of Irving, N. Y., a cripple of 30 years, crochets ends for dresser scarfs. She would appreciate a few stamps for sending out letters to shut-ins.

Mrs. Sadie A. Risley, of Piermont, N. H., a shut-in for thirty-seven years, tries to help support herself and sick husband by selling fancy work of all kinds. Send stamp to her for prices. She does crochet and fancy shell work.

Miss M. E. Rogers, of Sanford, N. C., a very worthy shut-in, suffering from rheumatism, has not been able to get her hand to her head in twenty-five years, yet she tries to support herself by crocheting bedroom slippers, also dollies. Write to her for her prices, sending stamp for reply.

Mr. L. W. Prettyman, 709 West Eighth Street, Wilmington, Del., is a young man unable to move off of his back. He is very ambitious and is striving not to be a burden, by taking subscriptions for all magazines. Any one wanting a number of magazines would be helping if they would send to him for club offers. He can save you money on your orders.

We have on our list a worthy shut-in who has both limbs amputated and is a great sufferer from rheumatism, yet he is trying to make an honest living to support himself, wife and three children. He makes name plates for trunks, dog collars, canes and umbrellas, 20 and 25

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Mrs. A. T. Brown, of 35 Garfield Street, Laconia, N. H., makes book marks on good satin ribbon in various colors. On these ribbons are printed poems, quotations, Bible verses at 10, 15 and 25 cents each. She also sells fruit-jar labels for 10 cents. Send 10 cents for nice samples of her book marks. She is a wheel-chair invalid, caused by being caught in a snow storm several years ago. When found she was almost frozen, which has been the cause of her limbs being useless. She is a very worthy subject to help.

We received a sample of a beautiful basket made of raffia by an old lady 79 years old and a shut-in. She makes hair receivers, baskets with handles, oval baskets, trays, work baskets, card baskets and fancy bags lined with silk, from 50 cents up. Send stamp to her for prices. Her work is wonderful. She lives with her daughter, a wheel-chair invalid, who does crochet work. Address the older lady as Mrs. Rose Ann Huntington, care of Mrs. Minnie H. Chaddock, Attica, N. Y. The latter is the daughter mentioned.

Miss Julia Bennett, of 56 Catherine Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is very helpless, yet she can use her hands in making many useful articles and needs the orders to support herself and mother. She makes all kinds of pretty bows for the neck from 50 cents to 75 cents; crochet lace from 25 cents to \$1.00 a yard, according to width and coarseness of cotton; fine linen handkerchiefs hemstitched, with or without lace on edge and with or without embroidery in corners, from 75 cents to \$1.50; slippers from \$2.00 up, according to size; hand-made wash cloths, 25 cents each; embroidery of all kinds; evening shawls, beautiful ones, for \$4.00; pretty hand-made towels; all crochet bedspreads, price depends on style and work. Miss Bennett is very worthy and would appreciate orders.

Now that spring is coming, and we are thinking about new clothes, do not forget that beautiful net work in the pretty colored threads, in beautiful designs, can be made very cheap by Miss Agnes Alexander, of Augusta, Ga., 1465 Cooper Street. Miss Alexander takes care of her invalid mother, and is unable to make a living in any other way. She is a very fine musician, but was compelled to sell their piano in order to have funds on which to live, since reverses have come upon them, after having plenty at one time. Please do not forget Miss Alexander. Her work is beautiful. She makes insertions, collar and cuffs, baby caps, and yokes. These of course are not made up; they are straight pieces ready to be made. Send stamp for price list. Samples will be furnished if a customer wishes work done, but they must be returned in a short time.

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Mrs. Carrie Mead, of Waupaca, Wis., is a poor, lonely and sadly afflicted widow, who has had five operations, leaving her a nervous wreck. She gets very despondent. She asks us to give special mention to the things she has to sell, hoping persons will help her. She sells all kinds of flower seeds at 5 cents a package, but when one orders 25 cents' worth she adds an extra package. She also has for sale a great variety of crochet articles. Write for list and prices.

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The secret of my success can be told you in one word—Soap. In fact, I'm known as the soap man in our town even to this day. But to get down to essentials, I had no father or mother, but a mighty considerate uncle was sort of a guardian and confidante. One day I went to him with my first big idea.

"Uncle," I said, "I've decided that fellows who work for wages, or salaries either, for that matter, never get anywhere. The fellows who make real money and get the most out of life don't lie down on the board like a lot of checkers and let the boss move 'em around where he pleases—they get right into the game on their own account."

Uncle agreed, said he'd like to see me get into some kind of business, promised that if I'd save till I got \$500 he'd stake me for as much more and help me start a store.

"No chance," I replied. "I can't wait to save a cent—some way or other I'm going to get into business for myself, and I'm going to do it before the summer is over."

Uncle laughed at my nerve, but I want to tell you nerve is the one thing most \$2.00 a day men need. Because I had it I did get into business with less than \$10 capital before another month was over, and it was a business that has made for me much more than any store I could have started with \$1,000.

Somebody told me about the big money in the agency business. I didn't fancy it at first. Thought it might be hard to approach people—never was any good at that; but I decided that wasn't going to keep me out of the capitalist class. So I began answering advertise-

ments and studying over the propositions sent me. I think I must have received more than twenty sets of circulars in the next two weeks. All of them were attractive on first sight, but I wasn't going to be taken in on big statements, and analyzed the propositions carefully for myself.

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The first week after I left the mill I cleaned up \$35, and although I've frequently made almost double that amount in a single week since, I don't think any week's work gratified me quite so much as the first one.

Now, just stop and get the significance of this. I was an ordinary sawmill hand—never sold a dollar's worth of goods before in my

life—hesitated at every door I knocked and hunted around for an excuse not to call. Yet in spite of these drawbacks I was making really big money right at the outset, more money, I knew, than some salesmen were making who were traveling on regular routes for big houses.

After the first month I found myself settled in an established business, without the worry of store rent or other expenses. Already some people's stocks of soaps and toilet articles were running low and they were hunting me up to replenish them.

Gradually I learned to sell goods more. That was easy, because Davis supplied us selling talks that told us just how to show the goods and just what to say to land the sale. From that time on it was just simply a case of hustle to keep up with the demand. Demand on part of the customers and on the part of the people who wanted sub-agencies. At this point I could have laid back on the oars and let my sub-agents keep me going. That would have been easy, but I wasn't built that way, so I kept hammering away every day.

Now there is a reason why I have told you this story. It is this: You are probably one of the great army that is struggling away on a salary, trying to get somewhere and living up to every cent you make, just as I was five years ago. A fortune can't be made that way. But you won't admit that you haven't got as much ability and as much salesmanship about you as a very ordinary sawmill roustabout, will you? You have, and you can do just what he did. The same company is just as anxious to get agents today as it was when I started. You can't get any territory in my section. I've got that cornered, but there are plenty of towns just as good; perhaps your town is open. Besides, the company are even more liberal today than they were in those days. Why don't you muster up your nerve, just as I did, and write them to show you how you can get started into this paying business?



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Aunt Jane's Page

MY BOOK OF MEMORY.

Sometimes when day is ended and I've turned
A few leaves in my Book of Memory,
I see therein some lessons I have learned—
Some problems which the years have solved
for me.

I see the name there of a friend I knew
In bygone days, and written by that name
There is a record of the deeds which grew
Out of our friendship as the seasons came.

And then I see the picture of two eyes
Which flashed a glance that once was lost
on me,
And as I gaze I learn, with sweet surprise,
That glance meant what I thought could
never be.

As onward through the years I swiftly go,
Perhaps in life I may not ever see
Those eyes again; but—oh, 'tis sweet to
know!
They're pictured in my Book of Memory!
—Charles H. Meiers.

Pastry cups with figs

Line cup-cake tins with puff paste and
bake until brown. Remove from the tins
while hot. Just before serving, fill with
fig paste made by chopping one-half
pound of figs and simmering them in two
cupfuls of water for an hour. When the
paste is cool, fill the pastry cups and cover
with whipped cream flavored to taste.

To utilize cold fish

Cold boiled or baked fish can be made
into a nice dish, as follows: Pick the
fish clear of bones. Make a dressing with
a pint of milk, one tablespoonful of butter
and two tablespoonfuls of flour; heat the
milk and butter together, and thicken it
with the flour mixed smooth with a part
of the cold milk. When it is cold, add
two beaten eggs, a little finely cut parsley
and salt and pepper; put it into a pudding
dish, then a layer of fish, then one of
sauce, and so on until all is used. Sprin-
kle the top with fine bread or cracker
crumbs, and bake it, covered, one-half
hour; then remove the cover and let it
brown slightly.

Strawberry dumplings

Mix a quart of flour with a teaspoonful
of salt and a teaspoonful of thick cream.
(In place of the cream a cupful of butter
thoroughly rubbed into the flour will do.)
Then add four eggs separately and thor-
oughly beaten, with milk enough to make
it the right consistency to roll out thin.
Line your cups with the crust thinly rolled
out, and fill with strawberries, adding
sugar, and covering with more crust.
Place these cups in a shallow stew pan
large enough to contain them, with boil-
ing water to reach half way up the cups.
Steam forty-five minutes. Turn out on a
dish, sift powdered sugar over them, and
serve plain or with sauce. As every
housewife has a favorite sauce of her
own, directions are unnecessary.

A kitchen apron

If there is anything the good housewife
particularly desires, it is to have a good
supply of kitchen aprons. They should
be made long enough to come quite to the

lower edge of the skirt, and wide enough
to reach well around over the hips. There
should also be a bib which will cover the
front of the dress waist. A useful addi-
tion to this apron is a pair of full sleeves.
These should be long enough to reach
above the elbows, with an elastic in the
top and a band to button around the waist.
With such an apron and sleeves the dress
will be kept clean, no matter what the
work, and as soon as they are slipped off
the wearer is ready to meet expected or
unexpected guests.

A buttonhole hint

The buttonholes in a boy's trousers are
always a problem, for they are forever
pulling out, and mother has mended them
until they will stand mending no longer,
she says. If she has not tried this scheme
she may find it just what she needs:
The band on which the holes are made is
fastened directly to the small boy's trou-
sers only at the ends. Three pieces of
elastic tape equal distances apart hold
the band to the garment along the under
edge and allow freedom of movement
without having the buttonholes all torn
out.

Troublesome feet

Many weary housekeepers well know
what troublesome feet are. Sometimes
the trouble is partly caused by ill-fitting
shoes, but more often by constant trug-
ging. The woman who is obliged to be on
her feet the greater part of the time ought
to have the most comfortable shoes possi-
ble. Have them made of soft leather
with good, broad, flexible soles and low
heels. But the feet will often suffer when
even the best of shoes are worn. In that
case take a warm foot bath at night, and
after it rub the feet well with carbolated
vaseline. Rub it well into the skin, es-
pecially on the soles and over the joints.
Persistence in this treatment will surely
bring relief. I know, for I have tried it.

Pressed chicken

Joint a chicken, drop into boiling water,
and stew until the meat will drop from
the bones and liquor has nearly all evap-
orated. After it becomes fairly tender,
add salt and pepper to season; when done,
remove all skin, bones and gristle, keep-
ing the light and dark meat separate; press
into small molds and let cool; when cold,
chop finely. To the liquor in the pot add
a bit of mustard and celery seed, or use
celery salt for seasoning, return to the
fire, and cook until not over a cupful re-
mains. Pour boiling hot over the chicken
and mix thoroughly. Put a spoonful of
white meat in the bottom of old cups,
and on this a spoonful of dark meat;
press to make it smooth and firm, and set
away until cold. To serve, turn on a
platter, when the dark meat will be be-
low, the white on top. Stick a tiny sprig
of parsley in the center of each dainty
little mold, garnish the edge of the platter
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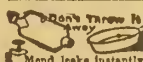


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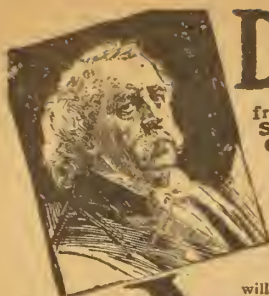


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And it makes the spirit within him stir
To go in once more and fight.
If you never have failed it's an even guess
You never have won a high success.

What is a miss? It's a practice shot
Which we often must make to enter
The list of those who can hit the spot
Of the bull's-eye in the center.
If you never have sent your bullet wide,
You never have put a mark inside.

What is a knock-down? A count of ten
Which a man may take for a rest.
It will give him a chance to come up again
And do his particular best.
If you've never been bumped in a rattling go,
You never have come to the scratch, I know.
—Edmund Vance Cooke.

AFTER HOUSECLEANING.

One who has never tried it can hardly think how much a few cents' worth of varnish, paint, etc., will brighten up furniture which before looked quite shabby. A glue-pot is also a great convenience, for if we are obliged to send things away to be mended they are very apt to go long broken, and perhaps be finally laid aside as not worth mending. A boy of twelve or fourteen can use glue and a varnish brush as well as any one after a little showing, and will enjoy the work on a rainy day. A few cents' worth of dark stain, which can be bought at a cabinet maker's, will effectually hide many scratches and marred places in the furniture, and then a coat of varnish will make them "amaist as weel's the new." Wonders can also be accomplished with a fifteen-cent box of gilding, if gilt frames, etc., are tarnished. It made my dining-room chandelier look like new, and only took a few minutes to apply.

HOW TO REMOVE GREASE SPOTS.

To remove wagon-grease spots, always softens with lard rubbed on the stain. Wet with turpentine. Then, if the goods are white and washable, wash with soap and water; if colored and washable, with naphtha soap, and if cloth is not washable, place the softened grease area over many folds of cloth and gently apply a small cloth wet in "carbona" (carbon tetra chloride). Move the spot to new folds of the cloth and continue to apply the carbona until the grease is all washed through into the under cloths. With a fresh wash cloth and fresh carbona, gently rub from the center of the spot toward the edges to remove any circle which may have formed.

Ink spots should be removed when fresh. As a rule avoid the use of soap. (Some stylographic inks may be thoroughly removed by washing with soap and water.) Soaking the spot in warm milk, or if the color is fast, sour milk, for from one hour to twenty-four hours, may remove the ink spot, and then the milk stain may be removed by washing. In white goods it is very easy to use the sour-milk treatment.—Salt and lemon juice may be spread on the spot and placed in the sun until the ink disappears.—Muratic acid may be used as follows: Place the spot over a bowl which contains hot water. Moisten the spot with muratic acid, then plunge the spot in hot water, and repeat until the stain disappears. Then rinse in ammonia water and several clear waters.—Javelle water which contains free chlorine may be purchased at a drug store. A stain soaked in this

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for a few hours will usually disappear. In this case the cloth must be rinsed in ammonia water and then in many clear waters.—Oxalic acid will rot the cloth if much is used.

To take out grass stains, wash the spot in kerosene until it turns yellow. Then wash with soap and water. Where the goods are non-washable and of a delicate color, wash the spots in alcohol until the green color is removed.—Abby L. Marlatt, Department of Home Economics, University of Wisconsin.

THREADING A DARNING NEEDLE.

Stratagem can be used everywhere, even in threading a darning needle. Take the thread in one hand with a short loop, made between the ends of the thumb and forefinger, on the end to go through the needle eye. With the needle in the other hand, prick the loop with the needle point until the exposed end of the loop assumes a flat, wide, thin, sharp appearance. Then change ends with the needle and crowd this flat, wide, thin and sharp end of the loop through the eye. Catch hold when the sharp end comes through and draw the thread through sufficiently. A little practice will enable one to thread the needle in the dark, or a blind person can thread it. Thus with all things an advantage can be taken. There is a way to work by "main strength and awkwardness," and there is a way to do the same work with comparative ease. Let every one make it a study to do his work the easiest way.

TO TAKE OUT OIL.

Just a few drops of chloroform will remove machine oil from the finest sewing so completely that you cannot notice the place where the oil really was on the garment. Place a piece of blotting paper on the under side of the spot and drop a little chloroform on the soiled part.

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FRUIT IN GLASS.

A housewife who was puzzled to know how she could put fruit in the refrigerator and not have it scent the butter and milk by the side of it, caught the idea of emptying out the basket into glass cans and putting on the tops.

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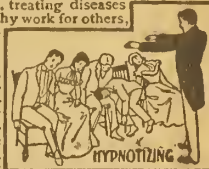
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Cherry Cobbler—Stem and stone ripe, red, tart cherries, and fill a deep earthen baking dish with them, leaving in a few of the stones for flavor. Half fill the dish with ice water, sprinkle sugar over the cherries, then place over them a sheet of light but thick pastry. Pinch this down around the edges, slash the center crosswise and prick well. Bake until brown, then serve hot or cold with cream.

Smothered Chicken—Cut nice slice of meat from a cold chicken. Trim off all fat and skin, and arrange in small earthen dishes. Pour over a rich sauce made of equal quantities of cream and chicken stock thickened with a spoonful of flour. Then partially cover with mashed potatoes, beaten very light with one or two eggs, and set in a moderate oven. As soon as the baking dishes are taken out of the oven fill the remaining space with hot buttered peas, and serve immediately.

Salmon Loaf—Flake cold boiled salmon and moisten it with a gill of cream, a half gill of milk and two beaten eggs. Stir in a handful of fine crumbs, the juice of half a lemon, a tablespoonful of butter, salt and pepper to taste, and a tablespoonful of minced parsley. Mix thoroughly, turn into a greased pudding dish, and bake in a steady oven for about three-quarters of an hour, then turn out upon a hot platter. Serve with a white sauce. You may also boil this in a covered mold.

French Fruit Salad—One cupful of sugar, one pound of seeded Malaga grapes, half a pineapple cut in cubes, two oranges cut in small pieces. If this is used as a dessert it may be served with a boiled custard, which is made by using one pint of milk, half a cupful of sugar, three eggs and half a teaspoonful extract of vanilla. Place the milk in a double boiler, beat up the eggs and sugar, and just as the milk is at the point of boiling add the eggs, sugar and vanilla. Remove from the fire and let cool.

Peach Cake—One pint of flour, one egg, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt, two level tablespoonfuls of butter, one cupful of milk. Mix the flour, butter, salt, sugar and baking powder all well together; beat the egg well in a cup and fill the cup up with milk; pour in the above and beat well; pour into a well-greased pan; stick halves of peaches all over the dough, fill the peach with sugar, and bake in a quick oven. Serve with cream.

Gingerbread—One cupful of molasses, three-quarters of a cupful of milk, three cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of soda, one-quarter teaspoonful of salt, half a cupful of melted butter or other shortening, one tablespoonful of ginger, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of cloves, one teaspoonful of allspice, two eggs. Mix and sift the dry ingredients. Beat the eggs and add the milk. Add the eggs and milk to the dry ingredients gradually. Add shortening and bake in a shallow tin in a slow oven.

Baked Souffle Potatoes—Select potatoes of uniform size and bake them until tender. When cooked cut the top from each and scoop out the inside into a warm dish. Mash smooth, adding for each potato a piece of butter and a tablespoonful of cream. Season with salt and pepper to taste and whip until light. For every three potatoes whip the white of an egg to a stiff froth and cut lightly into the potato mixture. Refill the potato shells and replace in the oven until heated through and top is browned.

Cranberry Cottage Pudding—Two cupfuls of cranberries, one cupful of granulated sugar, one-half cupful of butter, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half teaspoonful of saleratus, one-half cupful of milk, two yolks of eggs, and enough flour to make quite stiff. Bake in a moderate oven about thirty minutes. To make the sauce for the above pudding, dissolve one teaspoonful of flour in cold water, add boiling water until it thickens, stir in the whites of two eggs and two-thirds cupful of granulated sugar, and cook.

Oatmeal and Apples—Wash, halve and core four large, tender apples. Make a syrup of one cupful of granulated sugar and a cupful and a half of water. When the syrup begins to thicken, drop in the apples and cook until tender. Take up carefully, roll in sugar, put one in each bowl, and cover with a thin oatmeal porridge made by cooking a cupful of prepared oats in two cupfuls of boiling water, well salted, for twenty minutes. Serve with cream. Chopped dates are nice added to the porridge ten minutes before serving.

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The Yellow Satin

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to some one near her. "Nowadays people have to make their place in the world. Heritage and ancestry could no longer hold their own unaided, and even money needed something more to keep what it had won, and society meant struggle for everybody. Some people didn't mind struggling, but she did. It didn't pay. Did anything pay? Nothing except peace of mind, and people in society couldn't expect peace of mind."

Quickly the hours passed, and with a start she heard her little daughters running up the steps. It was dinner time and there was no dinner. Her head was

aching, throbbing in thick, heavy throbs, but the dress was finished, and, laying it on the bed, she shut the door and went into the hall.

"Oh, mother, Susie's shoes are soaking wet. Oughtn't she to change them?" Bettina led her little sister to her mother's room and looked in. "Where are you, mother?"

"Of course she must change them!" Mrs. Barrett's voice was very tired. "Take them off at once, Susie, and hurry down, Bettina, and help me set the table. I had no idea it was so late."

"There ain't any to change in." Susie

held out her left foot and eyed it critically. "You gave the old ones to Mandy's little girl and said you were going to get me some new ones last week, but you forgot it. And these are the onliest ones I've got."

"Then you'll have to go to bed." Bettina pushed her sister on a chair and began to unfasten the wet shoes. "Almost half the girls in school are sick with something, and you can't get sick, Susie, for if you are you will have to have a doctor and take medicine, and medicine is awful high. Everything is high. I heard father say so, and that he was 'way behind.'"

"Behind what?"

"I don't know, but it's something that isn't nice to get behind. I could tell by his face, so you've got to be careful and not get sick. Take your stockings off."

"I wish I was going to a party." Susie's shoes were kicked across the room. "And I wish I had a new dress. I told every girl in school today that mother's was yellow satin. I bet it will be the prettiest one there."

Bettina, bending over a bureau drawer, turned everything in it upside down.

"There isn't a pair of stockings in here," she said presently. "Wait a minute." On the bed the darning bag's contents were turned out, and, swiftly, stocking after stocking was examined. "You'll have to wear them, holes or no holes," and a pair was thrown at the younger sister. "I wish it was over, that old party! Mother hasn't had time for anything but that yellow satin since she started it. It's awfully beautiful, but—There's father! You can wear my slippers if you'll help wipe the dishes after dinner," and with a dash Bettina was down the steps.

An hour after he had gotten in, Mr. Barrett pushed his plate back and got up from the table. He had eaten little, for the excellent reason that there was little to eat, and that little badly cooked.

"You should have telephoned me if it wasn't convenient to have dinner at home today," he said, and in his voice was something seldom heard before. At it his wife turned quickly.

"There was no time to telephone. I haven't stopped since I got out of bed this morning. I'm merely a human being, and—"

"I am merely another." With an effort to laugh, he stooped and kissed his little daughter. "But we must go to parties, mustn't we, Susie? Sorry I can't see you tonight, Sarah, but I won't be home to supper. I have some work to do."

"There is always something to do but the thing I want done." His wife's voice was bitter, and at it her husband turned.

"Why, Sarah!"

"Do you suppose it will be any pleasure for me to go alone tonight?" She got up and began to pile the plates together. "If I had known you would not go, I'd have declined in the beginning, but I thought—"

"No, you didn't. If you had you would have remembered that I haven't worn my dress suit for years, and the things that go with it are no more. My day for parties is past." Again he made effort to laugh. "What time shall I call for you?"

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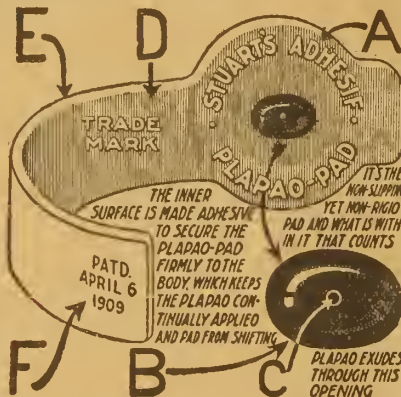
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A noise behind the palms near which she stood made her turn. She could see no one, but she could hear voices, and presently she heard her own name called.

"Have you seen that Mrs. Barrett?" some one asked. "Her gown is a dream. Josephine Clarke says she made it. Who on earth is she?"

"She's Dick Barrett's wife. Good-looking all right, and clever as can be, they say, but silly about society. Dick slaves himself to death; been working on our books at night for weeks trying to make a little extra money, but he'll never make enough for her. She had aspirations, and if she had money she'd keep things jumping, but not having any—"

"She ought to make some. I don't see why a woman shouldn't make it as well as a man if she has the ability. I wish she'd sell me that dress she has on. I'm going away day after tomorrow, and I need three more dresses. I wonder if she'd mind if I asked her to sell it to me?"

"You'd better not." The voice that spoke was clear and distinct. "I imagine she can say things as well as make them. But I don't believe she made that dress. It's too stunning. Mrs. Jamieson said she told her Recole was going to make it. Recole is an old cat! She keeps us down on our knees to her and treats us as if we were scum. If Mrs. Barrett really designed and made that gown she's wearing, she'd have more work to do than she could manage, and at any price she chose to charge. Why don't women have sense and earn some money of their own? Just because a woman is married she has to—"

"Take care of a husband and a house and children, if there are children, and at times be a cook and a cleaner and a nurse and a seamstress and a general manager and a lady all the time, and it is more than flesh and blood is made for. If a woman is a genius she has to keep it a secret and drudge along at things a servant could do better than she can, and all because something is wrong that nobody understands or knows how to make better. The next time I'm born I'm not going to be a woman. I'm going to be—"

"An agitator." The man who spoke laughed. "It is women's fault that other women don't have a chance. I don't know this Mrs. Barrett, but I've heard she was an aspiring person, and what would become of the aspirations if she made dresses for you? Would you invite her to the things she wants to be invited to? You talk independence, but thumbs are down on the woman who dares."

"We've never had any one to dare in Oldtown." Mrs. Barrett recognized the voice as that of Judge Durrett's daughter. "But if one should, who would take care of the house and children while she worked at something else?"

"Oh, that's your problem." Again the man laughed. "The madness of conversation is in the air, and why not conserve ability as well as waste it? Take this case for instance. Mrs. Barrett possibly dislikes and has no capacity for the details of household duties. If she had an earning capacity, be it dressmaking or book binding, she could pay wages sufficiently large to a person, competent to do things for which she is unfitted, while she directed or worked at the industry for which she has capacity. Her children

are no longer little and there's nothing unmotherly in work that pays."

"But if a woman works for wages everybody talks about her husband, and she'll stand anything sooner than that."

"The woman of this generation may, but the next one won't. However, it's your problem, not ours. As long as women cling to the custom of hiding their talents in order to be taken care of by their husbands, the same old comedies and tragedies will continue to be played. Why should it be thought remarkable if a woman contributes to the family income? It's her family."

"But what would become of the homes if women became workers?"

"Aren't they workers now? It is merely a different kind of work they'd do, a kind at which they might make a success, while somebody, trained for the purpose, keeps the household machinery moving smoothly. The point I make is—"

"Pointless! As a hot-air revolutionist you're a bully success, Billy boy, but while you're emitting your theories the provender is being 'et up.' Come on, Miss Durrett, and let's get our share before it's swallowed. Pity Mrs. Barrett couldn't have heard these advanced ideas of Mr. William Walters. She might try to put them into operation."

Could they be put into operation? Half an hour after she had heard them, Mrs. Barrett was back in her bedroom. With face aflame and fingers that twitched she unfastened her dress and spoke to it as if it were human and a thing alive.

"She shall have you if she wants you, but she will have to pay well for you. With most people a thing is valued at its price, and your price—"

With a sudden sob she threw herself face downward on the bed. That which she had heard smarted and stung as nothing had ever done before, and for a while there was only anger and hot revolt, but gradually the beating of her heart grew less, and one by one she repeated them and faced them, as she knew they must be faced.

Was it true that she was an aspiring person whose husband worked overtime to give her what otherwise she could not get? Was she really that kind of a person? Her special gift lay in sewing, designing, creating, but it had never dawned on her to utilize her talents. Then, too, there had always been so much to do; things that she hated to do. Queer how many people had to do the things they disliked. Only last week Miss Matilda Haynes had said she wished she could get a place as housekeeper in a family, she was so tired of working in a hotel. Suddenly she sat up. Miss Matilda was just the kind of person she would need if she were going to make dresses for other people. She would keep the house in perfect order, and do the mending and dozens of other things that had taken all her time, and she could afford to pay her and have a good sum over with which to help Dick. She ought to help. There was no reason why a woman shouldn't if when so doing she did not neglect her home. She would see Miss Matilda tomorrow, and she would make no dress for less than— Dick was coming up the steps. She got up and slipped on a kimono.

"Why, Sarah!" For a moment Dick hesitated, then came in the room. "I didn't know you'd gotten home." His face was tired, but in his eyes was the love that for her had made all labor light, and quickly he held his hands toward her.

"Did you have a good time at the par-

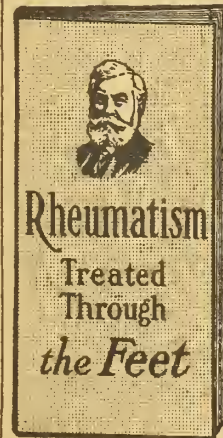
ty?" Stooping, he kissed her, then held her at arm's length. "Something is the matter, Sarah. What is it? Wasn't the yellow satin a success?"

"A success?" She tried to laugh. "Oh, yes, it was a great success."

"Then what is it?" He drew her closer to him. "You have been crying. Your eyes—"

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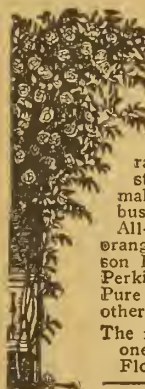
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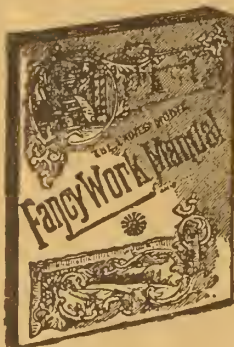
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WHAT PROVOKED HER SO.

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"No, I'm not angry. I'm mad!" exclaimed the brunette.

"Oh, my! What is the matter?"

"It was that horrid Charley Chappetron."

"What has he done?"

"Why, he came in a while ago, and I was lying down on the lounge. I thought I would pretend to be asleep, just to see if—if—what he would do, you know."

"And he didn't?"

"But he did, though."

"Gracious, you are not mad at him for that, are you?"

"No; although I pretended to be terribly provoked, I reproached him for taking advantage of me, and pretended to be awfully shocked. He tried to change the subject, but I—"

"He didn't say he was sorry, did he?"

"Hardly that. You see, it was the first time he had ever kissed me, and I wanted to keep him from talking about it. I pretended to be so much in earnest that I really scared him. Then I told him that I had not been asleep at all, and that I was only pretending."

"Then what did he say?"

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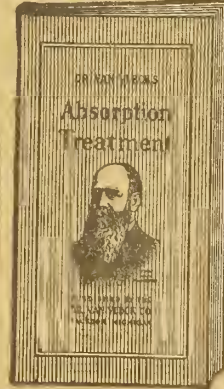
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Delicious Strawberries

This most welcome season is again with us. As the lovely rose is queen of flowers, so the luscious strawberry is queen of berries. How we do enjoy it! And we can appreciate it all the more because the berries are usually so plentiful that we can all eat of them to our full satisfaction. Did you ever hear of any one being hurt by eating too many strawberries? Let us all enjoy them while we may.

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To Retain Health

The only true way to health is that which common sense dictates to man. Live within the bounds of reason. Eat moderately, drink temperately, sleep regularly, avoid excess in anything, and preserve a conscience "void of offense." Some men eat themselves to death, some drink themselves to death, some wear out their lives by indolence, and some by overexertion. All the medicine in the world is not worth a farthing to a man who is constantly and habitually violating the laws of his own nature.

Idleness Not Happiness

The most common error of men and women is that of looking for happiness somewhere outside of useful work. It has never yet been found when thus sought, and never will be while the world stands; and the sooner the truth is learned the better for every one. If you doubt the proposition, go around among your friends and acquaintances and select those who have the most enjoyment through life. Are they the idlers and pleasure seekers, or the earnest workers? We know what your answer will be.

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How many of us resolve to do some particularly good or noble act "when we get time"? We rush on from day to day promising ourselves the fulfillment of honest intention, yet the time slips by and we never seem to find that opportunity for good that is always just a wee bit ahead of us in the future. "When I get time," says the young mother, "I will train Jamie to be more courteous." "When I get time," says the growing daughter, "I will relieve mother of some of her burdens." "When I get time," says the wife, "I will read and dress up and try to make myself more congenial to my husband." Alas! so few of us find the time.

Humanity's Worst Enemy

The world's greatest war has brought the nations face to face with the fact that the strength of each was being wasted and consumed by the use of intoxicating liquors. Whether passing under the name of whisky, or wine, or vodka, or absinthe, or beer, the result has been the same. It has sapped the strength and greatly reduced the capacity of both civilians and soldiers. Each of the warring nations finds it necessary to exert its utmost strength and power against the enemy. And each has quickly but surely learned that its own greatest weakness is the use of intoxicating drinks. Some have met the situation by promptly prohibiting the use of liquors during the war, others by partial prohibition. The highest cabinet official of the British government publicly announced that its worst and most powerful enemy was the drink habit; that this was more to be feared than were any of the nations with which they were warring. England's king promptly responded by banishing the use of liquors in the royal household during the war, and recommending that his subjects follow the example. The gross evils of intemperance are becoming so well understood by all civilized nations that the next few years will witness its prohibition throughout the world.

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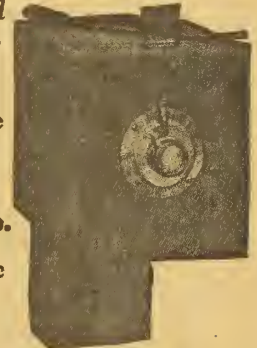


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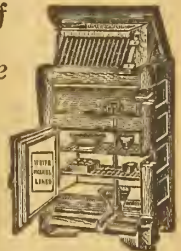
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By ELLA HOLLAND CORWIN

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Yes, there was a suspicious moisture in the eyes of both, as their hands met in that warm and hearty clasp of long comradeship.

"And now—now our old times are all gone, I suppose. We must content ourselves with a nod now and then, or a few stolen words on a street corner; a pleasant evening with the boys at the club will be an unknown thing, and all on account of a baby-faced girl with a pair of 'dreamy, blue eyes,' as you call them, and who, I've no doubt, knows only enough to—"

"Love me," laughingly inserts Harry. "Ah, John, the day will come when you will consider all the wisdom of the universe contained in those three little words, 'I love you.'"

"Humph!" growls the elder; "there's no exact telling how far a man may go without being known at large as a lunatic. But this I do know: I'll be a bigger fool than I am now when I lose my head over any woman again."

"What's that?" cries Harry. "When you lose your head over any woman again?" John Stiles, do you mean to tell me that you, the man I have looked up to as the soul of honor and truth, have been playing the grand hypocrite with me all these years, and asserting that you had never been a victim to Cupid's arts and snares; when here, by your own confession, by a word, it is evident that somewhere in the past you have appeared in the interesting role of a humble, aspiring lover, praying at the feet of some divinity? Tell me, was she a Juno, whose cold, imperious glances froze the current of your boyish love? Or a mad, impetuous Juliet, for whom you felt our little world was far too mean a one to conquer for her sake? Or, perchance, you found her only a fickle Guinever, and so preferred a life of celibacy to one with her. Come, whatever she was, unlock the past and bring forth this mysterious romance of other days."

"Well, if you really feel that you are through spouting all that stuff, I will satisfy your very great curiosity and tell you a plain story."

"Spouting? O, ye gods! He calls all that burst of eloquence 'spouting!' But it's only another evidence of my coming greatness, this continual unappreciation. However, let us hear the 'plain story,' in which the Hon. John Stiles posed, I presume, as the plain hero."

"Well, that's about the size of it," remarked the other, as, lighting a fresh Havana and tilting back his chair to a comfortable position, he commenced:

"You see, this all took place when you

were yet a toddler in pinafores. I had just gone home, after taking my college degree, and a plainer, more unsophisticated, didn't-know-what-to-do-with-my-hands sort of a lad never lived than I was at that time. I was all right when I was with the boys, but just bring a girl into the room and I was completely knocked out; one of the kind to fall desperately in love with the first girl who paid him any attention.

"I was only John Stiles then, without any prefixes or appendages to my name, and the name itself is not one that would be apt to tickle the fancy of any woman to an extent to make her madly anxious to own it. During all the summer I stayed at home and saw none of the neighboring girls; but when winter came an immense excitement was caused in the

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State Senator Henry J. Coggeshall, when in the company of a very hilarious conference committee, which was riotously advancing the public business in the rooms of one of the most high-living lawmakers in the state of New York, was asked why he would not take anything but Apollinaris water. His poetic muse replied in the following verses:

What makes me refuse a social glass? Well,
I'll tell you the reason why—
Because a bonnie, blue-eyed lass is ever stand-
ing by;
And I hear her voice above the noise of the
jest and merriment,
As with baby grace she kisses my face, and
says, "Papa, be true to me."

What then can I do to my lass to be true bet-
ter than to let it pass by?
I know you'll not think my refusal to drink a
breach of your courtesy.
For I hear her repeat in accents sweet, and her
dear little form I see,
As with loving embrace she kisses my face, and
says, "Papa, be true to me."

Let me offer a toast to the one I love most,
whose dear little will I obey,
Whose influence sweet is guiding my feet over
life's toilsome way;
May the sun ever shine on this lassie of mine,
from sorrow may she be free,
For with baby grace she kissed my face, and
said, "Papa, be true to me."

community by the starting of a singing school. I was asked to attend, but privately made up my mind it was the last place I would be caught to run the gauntlet of all those saucy girls' stares and criticisms. But one fatal evening my sister was out of a beau, and nothing would do but I should take her.

"Inwardly cursing the fate that was inflicting on me such a penance, and assuming a brave exterior I was far from feeling, I marshaled her to the singing school, and there, my boy, is where I met the 'divinity' you were so exercised over a few minutes back. No, she wasn't a Juno, an impetuous Juliet nor a fickle Guinever, but the pretty, guileless daughter of old Parson Ford. My sister introduced us, and when she held out that little, pink hand to me and said how glad they would be if I joined the class, she made a life slave of John Stiles.

"I walked home that night on air; my feet didn't seem to touch earth. Why, I felt the touch of that little hand for days, weeks and months after. You may rest assured I didn't have to be coaxed to go to singing school after that. I lived only in anticipation of seeing her, and the school was the only place.

"For weeks I admired her at a distance; then, little by little, I grew bolder, and at last threw off enough of my timidity to hold her hymn book. How my heart did beat! That feat seemed the ultimate point of bliss to be reached. That was as far as I progressed in my wooing, when in the spring I went to Boston to study law; and one of the most cruel things in leaving was the thought that in that strange city I would not see her face."

"Why didn't you propose to her and go away with the promise that she would marry you on your return?" put in Harry. "That's what I would have done."

"Yes," assented the narrator, "but I hadn't any of the impudent assurance of the present young man, and as for proposing, I would as soon thought of laying claim to the throne of England as to aspire to the hand of Bessie Ford. I loved her, it is true, but as a being far above me, and no thought that she would deign to return that love, or of marriage, occupied my thoughts.

"After a year of hard work and study, I once more returned. Again the sweet face held me a chained victim. I had lost much of my innate shyness by this time, and pushed myself more forcibly on her notice, and she did not seem averse to my attentions; indeed, at times I flattered myself she was very well pleased with them. I made frequent calls at the parsonage, but still no word of love had ever passed my lips.

"At last there came a time when I could stand the suspense no longer. I spent my days in aimless wanderings and my nights in feverish tossings, and each day determined to demand my fate from her. But day by day of my stay went by, and still I was in ignorance of her feelings, till all but one was gone, and goaded on by my increasing passion and jealous fears, I made up my coward heart to risk all and lay it at her feet.

"It was a beautiful afternoon in early June, just when all the roses were in bloom, but it seemed to me Bessie rivaled for fairness and sweetness the best among them. How well I remember it all! The lingering raindrops which the sun was fast dispelling; the songs of the little feathered songsters—I can hear them yet. Ah, it was the last time the sun shone and the birds sang for me till many a weary day after! And for years I could not enter the woods in the happy spring-time without an awful, overwhelming feeling of sick despair taking possession of me.

"But to go back to my story. We walked on through the woods, my heart completely filled with happiness and delight. The grass was wet, and I ex-

pressed a lover's fears lest she suffer from getting her feet damp. She put out for view a little foot securely protected from all dampness by a rubber covering, and then gaily laughed to scorn my fears for her when pointing to my thin, city shoes, for she knew they were wet through and through. At this we both laughed. I, because I was so happy; she, at her discovery.

"She then challenged me to a race, and away together down the hill we flew, and I, reaching the goal several seconds ahead, stood watching her, as, panting, laughing and glowing, she came up. Immediately I demanded a reward for my success. She snatched a lovely, red rose from her hair, which had been imbedded in its wavy meshes, and at which I had been throwing covetous glances, and with mock gravity presented it to me.

"I wanted to fall down at her feet and scream out to her and the world how I loved her; but instead I took the rose, and in an ecstasy of rapture I pressed it to my lips. If the earth had only suddenly opened and entombed me forever from the sight of man, and especially her who stood as my judge! If one of Jove's mighty thunderbolts had only been hurled down from heaven and transfigured me ere I gave utterance to the words which separated me forever from her I adored! But no such intervention of Providence took place. I seized the rose and passionately pressed it to my lips, and then sprang back with a mingled oath and cry of excruciating pain.

"There was more than the proverbial thorn about that rose. A little honeyed worker who had been caught out in the late shower had taken refuge within its perfumed petals, and it was its sting on my unprepared lips which called forth the hasty words I would have given my life to have unsaid. I turned to explain their cause, and encountered a look which froze the words on my lips. It was pain, sorrow, disappointment and fear, and as I looked at her I thought I read my death warrant in her face. I knew I had committed an unpardonable sin. The thought that never before in her life had her ears been profaned with such words, and that those words had come from me—I, who loved and worshiped her, whose every thought for her had been so pure and loyal! And now, heaven alone knew how low in her estimation I had fallen.

"The thought was crazing me. I mumbled a few unintelligible words and left her presence with the feeling of one who had suddenly been stunned. I walked home in a daze. It seemed years had rolled by since last I passed the familiar sights. I entered the confines of my own room, and not until then did I fully realize what had happened. But I'll not lift the curtain on that night's woe, when my boyhood, with all its hope and love, commenced its death struggle. I think even the angels in heaven must have looked with pity on me that night."

"And Bessie? Did you never see her again—never offer an apology for the words?" softly asked Harry.

"No," replied the other, "I never did. I felt I would rather suffer in silence than brave that look again. I hugged my sorrow close to myself, and went back to my work with a weary, aching heart and took up the battle of life. Later, my heart was stabbed anew by a letter from my sister, in which she told of Bessie's marriage.

"I toiled and dug away. All my thoughts and energies were centered in my studies. People said I was thirsty

for fame and wealth. As if to console me for my youthful loss, fortune favored much I did, and as the years went by I gradually drove the sweet image of her I had loved further and further down into the dark recesses of my heart, till I thought I had buried forever my sorrow, when lo! here it all is, fresh and terrible as ever! By the beard of the great prophet, if it isn't two o'clock! Time you were in bed, instead of listening to an old man's love tale."

"Never mind the time," quickly responded Harry. "I never heard anything which so interested me, and if my opinion is of any consequence, I consider you one in a thousand, and as sure as there is a sun in the heavens, such faithfulness won't go unrewarded. I wouldn't be afraid to wager a good deal that you and Bessie Ford will be united yet."

John smiled, but shook his head at Harry's enthusiasm. "Well, well, if it's fate's decree, so be it, but I live on no such hopes. Good-night, and God bless you, my boy."

It is needless to say Harry's last thoughts that night and first on rising were of his friend and the story he had heard.

"To think of John being in love all these years and I did not know it until now. Let me see," he said, "it happened when I was a baby; must have been some twenty years ago. John is a very handsome man yet—a man any woman might be proud of. But I suppose she is some gray-haired, elderly lady, maybe a very commonplace individual by this time. Twenty years does make a wonderful difference in the appearance of a rosebud." And Harry shook his head with the profound air of one who was deeply versed in the mysteries of time and its ravishes on female beauty.

"Now, if she was only some charming little widow, or a very rich one. Riches are a balm which smooth out many a wrinkle, and a screen which hides much superfluous stoutness, these days," mused Harry, with another wise shake of the head.

"There's Mrs. Meade, a really beautiful woman. No one would ever take her to be Edith's mother; a woman a younger man than John might love. Why, if there hadn't been an Edith I believe I would have fallen in love with her myself." And Harry was inclined to feel sorry for pretty Mrs. Meade, on whom fate had bestowed so lovely a daughter.

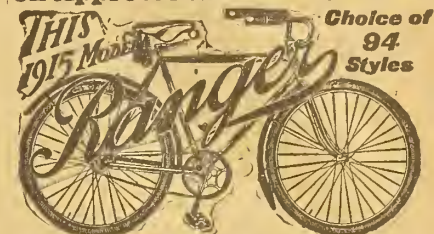
"I tell you, that's true loyalty for you any way you take it—a man loving one woman for twenty years! I would like to see the woman who would have done it. It will be a good one to tell Edith, who is always talking about woman's love being so much greater than a man's, and all that. Wonder if she can bring up an incident to compare to this!" And Harry, who was a little sore over past defeats, felt confident that with this story he would be able to floor, for once, Miss Edith in her arguments.

It is not strange that with all these thoughts wandering through his brain that evening, while seated in the cozy drawing room of the Meades, he related to his fiancée and her mother the story we have heard, but with the addition of a few embellishments, for Harry was an exceedingly versatile young man, and the story handled by him had more color, assumed more tone than the one told by John Stiles in his honest, heart-felt language.

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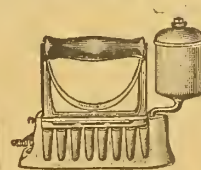


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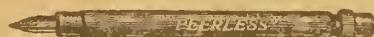
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"The soil must be in the best possible condition as regards tilth and fertility. The dirt should be made fine and mellow and the soil of good depth before planting the seed. If the piece is of clover sod, then the time for plowing does not count so much, yet in this case an application of a small coat of manure is good and enables one to reduce the expense of commercial fertilizer at least one-half and to further increase the yield of from 50 to 100 bushels per acre, yet care should be taken not to put on too much manure.

"Plowing and planting are only a small part of the work of raising potatoes. They require considerable care. If it is a dry season, they should be cultivated often, the loose dirt having a tendency to moisten the plants. If you wish to raise the largest possible crop, 500 bushels or more per acre, you must get as many perfect hills to reach full maturity as possible. I advise rows two and one-half feet apart and seed pieces to be dropped 12 to 15 inches apart in the drill, using a good sized seed cut one to three eyes.

"In raising 300 bushels per acre make the rows three feet apart. Place the seed pieces 18 to 20 inches apart and don't take quite so much pains in cutting seed. One ton of the best commercial fertilizer is not usually too much per acre. I find it a good method to sow the fertilizer with the planter before dropping the seed. Then it is mixed with the soil. After the plant is up, a little fertilizer can be used on it, but it should be brushed from the plant with a broom or in some similar manner.

"I have in my own work, by following the best methods here described, been able to secure yields of 500 bushels and over per acre on commercial fertilizer alone, that of the best grade, about 4 per cent nitrogen and 10 per cent potash. I remember on one piece my men called attention to the fact that they were getting a bushel of potatoes to market in six paces of a single row. If my figures were correct, this would be over 800 bushels per acre in ordinary field culture, but this piece had the advantage of a coat of barn manure the fall previous to planting."

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Ageratum—The ageratum is one of the few blue flowers we have. In its form it somewhat resembles the heliotrope, but

Sow them in rows where the plants are to grow, placing the seeds about six inches apart in the row and cover them about an inch deep. When all plants are up, thin so that they stand a foot apart if the soil is rich; if rather thin, it will be as well to allow them to stand at the planting distance. The plants should be given clean cultivation to induce rapid growth. If planted in the open at the same time that beans are planted, very satisfactory results will follow. For earlier bloom plant in advance of this date in hotbeds, cold frames or window boxes.

Petunia—While the petunia grows readily and rapidly from seeds sown in the open about corn-planting time, earlier bloom can be secured by sowing the seed in window boxes or hotbeds and transplanting the plants once before placing them in the open. For localities north of New York the most satisfactory method



A Fine Display of the Beautiful Hydrangea

has no odor. Ageratums grow well upon almost all soils and through a wide range of climate. For that reason many combinations with them are possible. The plants are neat, bushy and erect, and produce a profusion of brush-like flowers throughout the season. The dwarf blue sorts make fine borders and are much used where contrasting color effects are desired. For early bloom the seed should be sown in cold frames or in boxes in the house early in the season (March), but for summer and fall bloom the seeds may be sown in April or early in May in well-prepared beds in the open. Seeds sown in August will produce good plants for winter flowering.

Nasturtium—The large seeds of the nasturtium require to be planted much deeper than the fine seeds of the petunia.

of handling these plants will be to start the seeds in window boxes about April 1st, and to transfer the young plants to the open when the weather permits—about the middle of May. The seeds are very small and should not be covered with earth in the ordinary way. They should be sown on the surface and brought in contact with the earth by firming it with a board.

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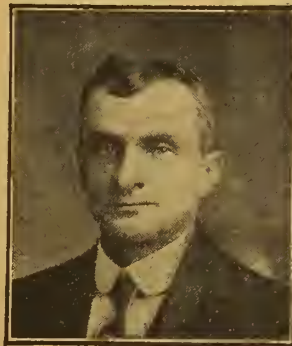
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Zinnia—The zinnia is easily grown from seed sown in the open ground. When sown in April the plants will bloom abundantly and continuously through the entire season. During the month of August zinnias are at their best. To secure large flowers and a profusion of bloom the plants must be given ample room for full development, as well as an abundant supply of food. Strong, rich soils suit the zinnia. If the seeds are sown in a dwelling house or in a hotbed in March, and the young plants are pricked out once or twice before being placed in their permanent situations, more satisfactory results will be secured than from outdoor sown seeds unless equal care in thinning or transplanting is given. In addition to their use in the school garden, zinnias can be used for groups, beds, borders, garden lines, and summer hedges. Their average height is one and one-half feet. The zinnia is a rather large, formal flower whose colors range through the shades of red and yellow. Their season of bloom is through the late summer and autumn and the individual bloom lasts for a long time both on the plant and as cut flowers.

WINTER TREATMENT OF ASPARAGUS BEDS.

The old stalks should be removed about the time the berries begin to turn red. If cut off sooner, the roots of the plants lose some of the nourishment they would otherwise receive, and if cut later the berries will have ripened, and these will produce undesirable seedlings the following season. However, if the stalks have not been cut off before, they may be removed to advantage as late as November or December. They should all be burned, as this aids in controlling fungi and disposes of the litter.

After the field has been cleared of the old plants, finely rotted manure should be applied to a depth of two or three inches. This serves both to fertilize the bed and to protect the plants during winter. Asparagus is a gross feeder and it is difficult to give it too much fertilizer.

By applying the manure in the late fall and early winter, it is subject to the action of the snow and rains of winter and early spring, rendering it more available as plant food and improving the texture of the soil. It also holds back the young shoots in the spring, thus preventing injury from late freezing. As soon as possible in the spring the manure should be worked into the soil by plowing to a depth of three or four inches, turning the soil toward the rows and over the crowns of the plants. After the cutting season is over the ridges formed in this way are leveled.

ROOTING SLIPS.

Rose slips are easily rooted if broken off where they join the branches; if broken off with a heel, or a piece of the main stem, stick them down in rich soil, either in boxes or in the beds with other plants, where they get the sun all day, and turn a glass tumbler or fruit jar tightly over them, so as to exclude all air. Leave them this way for a month,

then take off the glass, but leave them there for two weeks longer, and they will be well rooted. I root geraniums, heliotropes, lemon verbenas, abutilons, fuchsias and other hard-stemmed plants in this way; the soft-stemmed plants I root by placing them in a wide-mouthed bottle of water and hanging them in the sun. I place cotton in the mouth of the bottle, so as to exclude the air. I always strip off all but a few leaves from slips, leaving only about two or three at the top, as they are more apt to root. When rooting slips in the soil, the soil must be kept moist all the time.—Laura Jones, Kentucky.

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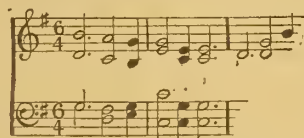
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Growing Ferns—Mrs. E. A. Bennett, Iowa—The best soil for ferns in general is a light, porous loam or leaf mold, one-half, and not too finely broken up nor sifted, and the other half well-rotted manure and sharp sand, equal parts. This should be well mixed. When potting, drainage should be provided for by filling first with charcoal, broken pots, coarse gravel or something of the kind. Remember that ferns object to stagnant moisture at their roots and an oversupply of water. The soil must not be kept constantly soaked, nor should the plants stand in water for any length of time. While care in watering must be followed, and while it is a good plan to water plants by setting them in the soil so that the water will be sure to reach the roots, one should watch against mistreatment of the plants in either extreme—that of soaking the soil until it becomes sour, or allowing the soil to become too dry. Ferns as a rule require a soil kept on the moist rather than the dry side, therefore provide for good drainage. Give the plants plenty of light, a moderately warm and moist temperature, and they will soon adapt themselves to the conditions of the living room.

Forcing or Hardy Roses—Mrs. B. F. Moon, Virginia—Your report that one or two of the young roses which you potted recently are not growing, while some others handled under the same conditions are doing well, suggests to the writer the possibility of the particular ones referred to being of the hardy class and which might be reason for the plants not making the same kind of a growth as others. Why one plant should fail while others of the same kind and under the same conditions do well is rather hard to explain. The forcing roses or some of the tea roses make a comparatively rapid growth to that of the hardy varieties—that is, at this season of the year. The plant may have a very poor root growth, which would account for the trouble. You might remove the plants, if they continue to do poorly, to a cool place where the temperature could fall to just above freezing, and by withholding water excepting about once weekly, to keep the soil from completely drying out, the plant will become hardened and a new root growth will be induced. The plants may lose their leaves, but this will not hurt them. After three or four weeks bring the plants to a warmer temperature and start the growth by watering, etc.

Delphiniums Diseased—Mrs. F. A. Stoddard, Michigan—It seems that there has been quite a bit of complaint among the delphinium growers during the past two or three seasons of the plants being more or less diseased, the plants showing a sort of rust and affecting the plants just as they come into bloom. To the writer's knowledge a good explanation of the disease has not been given, and the writer notices that plants planted in the same bed a second year, and the plants being from the same source not showing the disease at all. It would seem that the only thing to do is to be careful in the care of the plants from the time of planting in the spring. They do best in a good garden soil improved by a deep, rich sand loam. Deep preparation of the soil is essential. Plenty of sunshine and plenty of water during dry spells also is necessary. The plants of which you complain may not be troubled another season at all, it being more than likely that the plants are not given sufficient nourishment. While the plants can be fertilized, manure should not be allowed to come in contact with the roots. Better use finely ground bone flour, which should be dug around the plants early in the season, and in the surface coal ashes should be sifted over the plants to protect them from the grubs.

Propagating Geraniums—C. C. Mishler, Pennsylvania—The writer notices by your letter head that you are in the vegetable business, and he understands that your idea is to use the benches at the vegetable season and through the late spring and early summer to handle plants in pots. It is really too late now to secure all advantages from propagating of geraniums for the coming season. That is, it is a little late for handling the stock plants to the best advantage. Your best plan now would be to buy rooted cuttings of geraniums, or small pot plants. These can be had from the trade, and if you are in the business you should by all means subscribe for one of the trade papers. If you will address the Florists Publishing Company, Caxton Building, Chicago, Ill., you can secure from them (possibly for trial) a short-

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Favorite Recipes

Cherry Pudding—One large cupful of stale cake crumbs, one beaten egg, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, one tablespoonful of melted butter, one-half cupful of milk, one teaspoonful of baking powder and flour to make a stiff cake batter. Butter a baking dish and put into it a three-inch layer of sour canned cherries drained very dry. Sprinkle with a scant cupful of brown sugar, pour the batter over, and bake half an hour in a moderate oven. Serve with hard sauce flavored with almond.

Rhubarb Tartlets—Make some tartlet cases of good short crust, and bake them in a quick oven. They must be well cooked, but not of too dark a color. Let them become quite cold. Stew some rhubarb with sugar to sweeten, but only just enough water at the bottom of the pan to prevent the contents from burning. Ginger or lemon flavoring to taste can be added, if desired. When quite cold, put a few spoonfuls in each tartlet and serve. With a little whipped cream piled up in the center of each this makes an attractive sweet.

Fried Spring Chicken—Wash, singe and draw chicken, and cut same as for stewing. Draw with salt, pepper and dredge with flour. Put two tablespoonfuls of bacon drippings into an iron frying pan, put in the chicken, and brown quickly; then add a little water, cover, reduce the heat, and fry slowly until tender. You may have to add more water. Remove the chicken from the pan; then add one tablespoonful of flour, mix and add one cupful of milk; boil a few minutes; add seasoning to taste. This gravy should be a rich cream color.

Planked Chicken—Select young broilers. One pair should fill a large-sized plank. Dress and split for broiling. Fasten them securely in place on the plank, arranging directly under each bird a small mound of savory dressing. Brush with melted butter, and cook slowly under the broiler of a gas oven, with the burners turned low after the first ten minutes. Baste with one-fourth cupful of melted butter, to which one-half teaspoonful of summer savory and a pinch of celery salt have been added. Garnish the plank with potato croquettes and asparagus tips.

Rhubarb and Orange Jam—This jam, although very fine, does not keep long, and therefore it is not advisable to make too large a quantity at a time. Clean half a dozen sweet oranges, remove the rind, scrape off as much of the white pith as possible, and boil in water for about two hours. Drain and shred finely, as though for marmalade. Remove the pith and pips from the pulp, and place it in a preserving pan with two pounds of rhubarb cut into small pieces, and three pounds and a half of preserving sugar. Boil slowly until the jam sets when tested on a cold plate.

Baked or Shirred Eggs—Batter an egg-shirrer. Cover the bottom and sides with fine cracker crumbs. Break an egg into a cup, and carefully slip it into the shirrer. Cover with seasoned huttered crumbs, and bake in a moderate oven until white is firm and the crumbs brown. The shirrers should be placed on a tin plate, that they may be easily removed from the oven. Eggs may be baked in small tomatoes. Cut a slice from the stem end of the tomato, scoop out the pulp, slip in an egg, sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover with buttered crumbs and bake.

Creamed Hash—Use left-over potatoes, beets and salt fish if you have them. If you cook the fish on purpose, pick up a large cupful and soak twenty minutes in cold water, then put on in fresh cold water and bring slowly to a boil. Drain before using. Chop four large potatoes and two beets, and mix well together. Mix in a stew pan one rounding tablespoonful of pork fat or other good drippings with a little less flour, add a half cupful of milk and the same of water, stirring until smooth, and cook eight minutes. Stir in the fish, then the vegetables. Season to taste with salt, pepper and onion salt. Stir well and thoroughly heat.

Cranberry Pies—The best cranberry pies are made in the simplest manner. Just stewed cranberries, sweetened, not too much, and nothing else, except the crust. Many, however, do not like the acid so strong as in the unmixed cranberry, unless it is softened by excessive sweetening. Here is a recipe which may please many, and is given as especially good for those who do not like so sharp an acid as the cranberry alone.

One cupful of chopped cranberries, one-half cupful of raisins, tablespoonful of flour, mix in one-half cupful of cold water, scant cupful of sugar, pinch of salt, and teaspoonful of vanilla. Bake with an under crust and lay strips diagonally across the top to show the filling in diamond-shaped openings. Many make cranberry pies too dry, and almost like an evaporated jelly. They should be fairly juicy, but not so excessively moist as to run badly.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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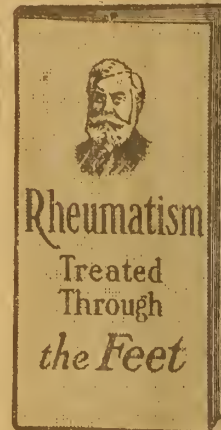
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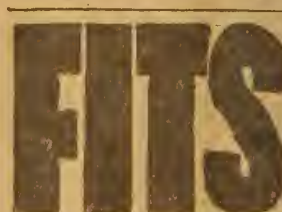
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And men going down—and down—and
Down to blackness and despair.
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Helm and anchor lost,
On and on through the surging waves,
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I doubt sometimes, if the Savior sees—
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How the souls he loved and died for are
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Indeed, 'tis little wonder, sir, that woman
Shrinks and cries,
When the life blood on rum's altar spilt,
Is calling to the skies;
Small wonder if her own heart feels each
Sacrificial blow;
For isn't each life a part of hers?—each
Pain her hurt and woe?
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Some woman's heart dies, too.

I often think, when I hear folk talk so
Prettily, and so fine,
Of alcohol as a needful food, of the
Moderate use of wine,
How the world couldn't do without it;
There was clearly no other way
Than for a man to drink or let it alone,
As his own strong will might say,
That "to use it but not abuse it" was the
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How I wish they'd let old poorhouse Nan
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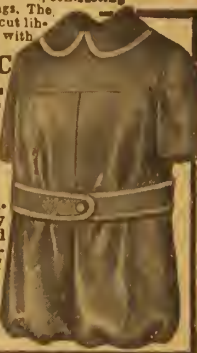
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Two little ears like pink-white shells;
A snowy chin where a dimple dwells;
A dainty nose; two peach-bloom cheeks;
A red-lipped mouth that soft words speaks;
A brow reflecting the soul within,
Untouched by sorrow, unmarked by sin;
A crown of curls whose traceries hold
The chestnut's warmth and the sunbeam's gold;
A rounded body; two rosy limbs;
A voice like notes from cathedral hymns;
Two restless feet and a laugh of joy.
What is the total? Mother's boy.

—Emma C. Dewd.

Summertime desserts

Learn the art of serving dainty and cooling refreshments in summer and you will captivate the masculine heart.

The wise little housekeeper who does the right thing at the right time will let no opportunity slip to concoct something delicious and cool during the season when the days are hottest and fruit the most plentiful. She will have many a surprise in store for the home-coming husbands or sons, fatigued from the heat and hungry without having a genuine appetite. It is at such times that a man will turn aside from the tenderest roast of meat and let his eye wander in the direction of the salad bowl, and if given the opportunity, will pass over a variety of steaming vegetables in favor of a dish of fruit.

To make fruit tempting as a regular dessert it must be served in other ways than natural; fruit salads and punches, in combination with ice cream, whipped cream or gelatine preparations are appetizing variations for a hot summer evening.

One or two fresh fruits will answer for a fruit punch, made in the temperance way. The greater the variety in the mélange, the richer the dish will be—a pineapple, large, one orange, one lemon and grated rind for flavor, two bananas and several kinds of berries. Cut the fruit very fine on separate dishes and put it in a deep bowl or glass dish, sprinkling powdered sugar thickly over each layer, and adding a squeeze of lemon. Pure fruit syrups poured over the whole and allowed to run through will greatly improve the flavor. When the alternate layers have been laid on in this way, stand the dish in the ice box three or four hours to "ripen" and become thoroughly chilled. When ready to serve you are to whip a half pint of cream until it is thick; as soon as this is spread over the punch the top is to be dotted with berries.

Peaches, bananas and a pineapple make a splendid combination, omitting oranges. Instead of slicing the pineapple after pitting, it will be found better to score it crosswise, cutting off the little squares as you go, the same as you would cut grains of corn from the ear.

To serve peaches with whipped cream you should peel them a few minutes before dinner and stand them on the ice, covered, until dessert. Have some rich fruit syrup ready and also the cream, iced. Pour the syrup on first, then the whipped cream, and garnish with raspberries or some extra pieces of peach. In lieu of the fruit syrup squeeze several peaches through a strainer and mix with pulverized sugar until the juice becomes thick.

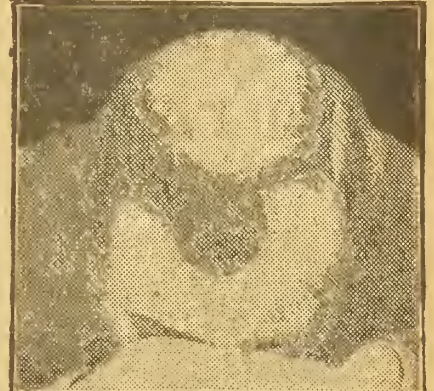
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Household Helps

Edited by Aunt Jane.

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There were two little kittens, a black and a gray,
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It will never do to keep them both,
The black one we'd better drown.

"Don't cry, my dear," to tiny Bess,
"One kitten's enough to keep;
Now, run to nurse, for it is growing late
And time you were fast asleep."

The morrow dawned, and rosy and sweet
Came little Bess from her nap;
The nurse said, "Go into mamma's room,
And look in grandma's lap."

"Come here," said grandmammy, with a smile,
From the rocking chair where she sat;
"God has sent you two little sisters;
Now, what do you think of that?"

Bess looked at the babies a moment,
With their wee heads yellow and brown,
And then to grandmammy soberly said,
"Which one are you going to drown?"

MAKING SALT-RISIN' BREAD.

One-quarter of a pint of fresh whole milk (half a cup) is slowly heated to near the boiling point, but not allowed to boil. This process will sterilize the milk and prevent the development of a too rapid lactic (acid) fermentation in the subsequent process. The heated milk is added to a quantity of cornmeal sufficient to make with the milk a stiff batter and the whole is thoroughly mixed. The vessel containing the batter is wrapped with paper and then with a heavy flannel cloth and kept in a warm place at a uniform temperature at about blood heat for several hours, until fermentation is firmly established and the batter assumes a definite sour odor. At this point a teaspoonful of salt is stirred into a pint of blood-warm water and into this a sufficient quantity of high-grade wheat flour is stirred to make a moderately stiff batter. This is thoroughly mixed with the sour mass obtained by the previous fermentation and the mixture exposed for from three-quarters to one hour at a blood heat as before. If the fermentation has been well conducted, the mass will now be in a sufficiently active state to secure a proper porosity of the loaf. Graham flour may be substituted for the cornmeal, and water may be substituted for the milk.

The difficulties encountered in the making of this bread are those of temperature. The temperature must not be allowed to drop, for then wild yeasts may begin to work, and unless the sour or first batter is exceedingly active failure is sure to result.

"Since most of the active agents or bacteria which bring about this kind of fermentation are found in the outer layers of grain, it is evident that that grain containing the hull will have more of them than finer flours, and therefore are more likely to prove unsatisfactory. It is very much more difficult to make this kind of bread than the common types of yeast bread, as in the latter the added yeast causes the fermentation and there is less doubt about its quality than when we are depending upon an unknown source."

This would be one of the reasons for eating the salt-risin' rather than yeast bread, the fact it is or should be made of the less highly refined flours. But its qualities are fully enumerated in this article as follows:

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flavor. When carefully made it is extremely palatable and free from objectionable acid. It is especially tasteful to those who are accustomed to its use and should be very popular. Its digestibility and nutritive value should be greater than those of ordinary breads, as comparatively large amounts of acid formed in the process of fermentation would tend to mellow the gluten and render other of the constituents of the flour more soluble. Its compactness and ability to remain fresh for some time may have the same effect on its digestibility as ordinary fresh bread has; that is, it may make it more difficult of digestion, because it tends to permit the individual to swallow lumps of it without masticating them."

USEFUL HINTS FROM A COLORADO SISTER.

A rounded dish, like a crock, is much better to set bread to rise in; it comes up better.

The nicest way I ever saw to sugar doughnuts was to put sugar and doughnuts in a paper sack, close the top, and shake.

Kid-glove fingers from cast-off gloves are very handy to put on an injured finger or one exposed to unusual wear or strain.

To insure good bread, warm the flour before stirring in to make the hard loaf, and wrap the bread mixer in a warm blanket kept for the purpose while it is rising.

For buttonhole pieces to set underneath, a piece of tape one inch wide with the holes worked lengthwise is best. Stitch the holes before working and they will work easily.

String and cut string beans for the table; cook until they can be pierced with a straw. To each gallon of beans add one cupful of vinegar. Seal while hot. When wanted for use, draw off the liquor, heat the beans, and season. Put up whole, they make fine pickles.

Rhubarb canned without cooking is far superior to the old way. Pound the rhubarb after cutting it into inch pieces. An old jar can be used for this purpose, and an old wooden potato masher is about the best thing to pound it with. The juice will come out of it, and when there is enough of it to cover the solid part, pack in jars and seal. The pies are to be made as with fresh pieplant, and will taste nearly as good.

IRONING HINT.

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HAM HINT.

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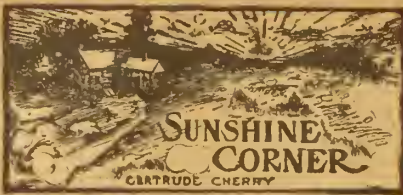
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We are copying this poem for the benefit of our readers, as one worth saving, as the words are beautiful, and no doubt many can recall friends to whom this poem applies. We are truly grateful to the author, Mr. Sam Walter Foss, for giving this poem to the world.

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars that dwell apart
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran—
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I—
I would not sit in the scorpion's scat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears.

Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

—Sam Walter Foss.

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May 31st of each year, the birthday of the President-general, is known as the International birthday, to be celebrated by the whole International Society. Every member who can afford it is to send ten cents to General Headquarters, marked "Sunshine Birthday, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City." Address the letter to Mrs. Edith Casey, Assistant Secretary.

Readers, do not expect an acknowledgment for the ten cents, as it would take much out of the profits received. Mention that you belong to The Household Journal Branch.

ANNUAL SUNSHINE CONVENTION.

The Annual Sunshine Convention will be held this year in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The International Sunshine Guild will be hostess for the convention.

It is expected that this convention will be the best the society has ever held. Sessions will be held at Westover Lodge, one of the rest homes of the International Society. Rooms in the Lodge are being taken by the delegates, and accommodations are being secured in near-by cottages for all who cannot be accommodated at the Lodge. Any who expect to attend the convention and expect to remain at the Lodge for one or more nights should notify the Hospitality Committee, Mrs. Nellie E. C. Furman, 121 Hooper Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The convention will formally open on Thursday morning, May 20th, and ses-

sions will be held each morning and afternoon during Thursday and Friday. Saturday morning will be devoted to the annual council. Thursday evening will occur the annual reception and banquet. Friday evening a special committee is arranging for the exhibition of our blind babies' reel and views, with other Sunshine pictures of interest, at the Park Theater, Bensonhurst. Saturday is to be spent in the afternoon in attending the Garden Party at the Dyker Heights Sunshine Home for Blind Babies. Saturday evening Miss Emily Bey with a committee will act as chaperons and guides for those wishing to go to Coney Island or to places of amusement in New York or Brooklyn.

The convention will officially close with a vesper service on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd, in the Solarium of the Sunshine Sanitarium.

It is hoped that some of our Household Journal Sunshiners may be able to attend this convention.

GIEVE FUND.

We have received word from one Sunshiner saying she was glad that the fund for the clearing of the mortgage on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gieve was left open, as she wanted to contribute to it, and could not before this. We appreciate the kind feeling manifested by our Sunshiners and readers, for we know it has been done in a feeling of brotherly love. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Gieve will not feel hurt if we continue the fund a little longer, for we know they are most worthy. We will leave the fund open until June 1st, then all money after that can be sent direct to Mrs. Gieve. She is quite ill, and for that reason felt best not to worry her, sending to her, as she would have to answer all letters; but sending direct to us prevents this.

We do hope a big offering can be lifted for the mortgage fund during this month. Let us surprise this dear couple. We hope to give the exact amount collected in our June or July issue.

The following amounts came for the fund without any address; the persons who sent address received a card of thanks from us. Send all money for the Gieve Fund direct to Mrs. Gertrude Cherry, Xenia, Ohio.

From "June," Marion, Ohio, \$5.00; S. A., \$1.00; from Harmon, Md., \$1.00; Mrs. A. R. R., Butte, Mont., \$1.00; from a Danville, Iowa, friend, 25 cents; from Buffalo, N. Y., \$1.00.

WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

Miss Ora Mason, R. F. D., Bedford, Va., is a cripple and would appreciate cheer.

Mrs. J. N. Vaughn, Strother, Mo., is helpless. Enjoys books, papers, magazines, etc.

Mrs. Mary E. McManaway, R. F. D. 1, Goodview, Va., is 78 years old, a widow, and would appreciate cards and letters.

Miss Mildred Walker, R. F. D. 1, Goodview, Va., is 80 years old or more. She lives with her brother. Would enjoy cards.

Mrs. Susanah A. Moore, R. F. D. 2, care of Charles Moore, Fort Smith, is 81 years old. Is blind. Anything will bring cheer to her lonely life.

Mrs. Elsie Massey, Strother, Mo., has just come home from the hospital. She would be glad to get some scraps of silk and ribbon for fancy work.

Mrs. Anna B. Berns, of Chebabe, Ill., Box 38, writes us that she has not heard from Sunshiners for a long time. She is helpless. Her husband has been ill for a year.

Miss Ruby Black, Fredericksburg, Ind., is a young shut-in with a diseased bone in the limb. She does not need any material aid, but cheery letters and cards would help her very much.

The name of a little orphan girl comes to us from a Sunshiner. She lives with an aged grandmother and a maiden aunt in the country. Little gifts, a doll, story books, would all

be appreciated by this little, lonely girl. Address Miss Maude Carey Clark, care of Miss Kate Carey, Fayetteville, Tenn., R. F. D. 2.

Mrs. Bessie Martin, of corner Thomas and Grant Streets, Marshall, Mo., is a shut-in with five small children. Clothing or any kind of aid would be much appreciated. Do not forget her.

Miss Esther Levy also asks for cheer for an old lady 84 years old. A little shoulder shawl, bits of light calico, silk, etc. Address Mrs. Alice Baon, care of Esther Levy, Cornwall, N. Y., Box 314.

Mr. Albert Harris, R. F. D. 1, Goodview, Va., is more than 70 years of age. Wife dead. Lives alone. Was a school teacher before age came. Would be very glad to hear from the Sunshiners.

Miss Mattie Phinney, Main Street, North Syracuse, N. Y., is a wheel-chair shut-in, and needy. We urge the readers to write her cheery letters and send her a dime. She was formerly a school teacher.

Mrs. J. N. Thomas, R. F. D. 1, Stewartsville, Va., who has been an invalid for a long time, the effects of a fall, causing a broken hip, has recently been bereaved of her husband. Cards and letters would help to brighten her life.

Miss Stella Eanes, Baptist Home, Richmond, Va., is a lady of great refinement, who enjoys showers of "sunshine." Her people have all passed into the Great Beyond, so any little attention paid to her in her declining years is as a light on her pathway.

Cheer in the form of pretty hair ribbons, post cards, little gifts, a box of colored crayons or a good story book has been asked for a very lonely little girl who is hungry for love. Send to Mabel C. Dafter, care of Mrs. Cabrey, Cornwall, N. Y., Orange County.

The name of an old lady comes to us asking for cheer. She is a cripple about 70 years old. She can neither read nor write, but she is in a state hospital, and the attendants read and write for her. A cheery card would brighten her life. Send to Miss Frances Stephenson, State Hospital, Nevada, Mo.

Miss Gertrude Finger, of Morgantown, Pa., has organized a Sunshine Branch, and she writes to ask us for postals, large and small pictures, and magazines. They want magazine covers for scrap books, and would also be glad to get the Kewpie page in the Woman's Home Companion, as they are making Kewpie books for little children in the mountains. We hope many of our readers will send these articles to Miss Finger.

Mr. Perry G. Parrish, Nashville, Ga., R. F. D. 2, is 30 years old and has been a cripple from rheumatism for twenty-seven years and confined to his bed for eighteen years. Has been blind for fifteen years. He enjoys getting letters. His brother, who is a cripple on crutches, will answer all of the letters if stamps are sent. They are very poor. A dime shower would mean much to these two shut-ins.

Miss Alice Brown, 1010 Catherine Street, Ann Arbor, Mich., is a shut-in. She has had it hard all winter, as her sister has been seriously ill and has just come from the hospital. Miss Brown says she is the only one to earn a single cent, so it has been very hard for her. We asked for a shower for her some time ago. She only received 50 cents, but several letters, and felt thankful for all. We wish more readers would be interested in her.

A long list for cheer has been sent to us by Miss Esther Levy, who is always sending us names. She says, "Oh, how good it is to make little children happy," for "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Please send to the following children, in care of Miss Esther Levy, Cornwall, N. Y., Box 314: Master Wallace H., age 6 years; Miss Lora S., age 8 years; Miss Carrie T., age 9 years; Miss Lulu F., age 11 years; Miss Tessie J., age 7 years; Master Wilford P., age 9 years; Master Howard M., age 12 years.

Miss Maggie McManaway, R. F. D. 1, Stewartsville, Va., has been bed-ridden for perhaps over twenty-four years, yet she never asks for cheer for herself. She is always sending in a list of names for cheer for other shut-ins. Her mother is an invalid also, being confined to her chair for three years. Yet both are very cheery and patient. We think it is time to send them a little cheer and ask our members and readers to send cheery cards or letters to both the daughter and mother. The latter's address is Mrs. N. A. McManaway, R. F. D. 1, Stewartsville, Va. Mrs. McManaway is over 86 years old.

NOTICE TO SHUT-INS AND OTHERS.

Again we must tell you not to send us a letter expecting us to print it. If you wish cheer, be sure to send a written reference from your doctor or minister as to worthiness and nature of your illness. Do not ask for aid. No letters will be noticed without the proper reference unless you have already sent one and are known to us. This notice means new names.

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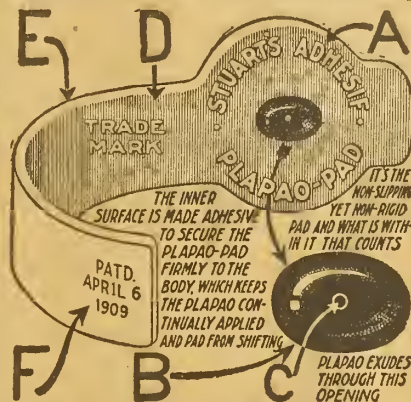
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APPRECIATION.

Mrs. J. N. Vaughn, Strother, Mo., thanks the readers for the nice scraps of silk and ribbons, also cards and letters, and appreciates everything sent to her.

Mrs. Cora Vorhees, of Prattville, N. Y., sends thanks to all Sunshiners for the cheer sent to her and her little boy. She has only one hand and we hope our readers will not forget her.

Mrs. P. A. Crook, whose address was Spies, N. C., thanks each one for the shower of kind words, good wishes and \$5.80 in money. This all means so much to her and she is indeed very grateful.

Mrs. Bessie Martin, of Marshall, Mo., corner of Thomas and Grant Streets, is so thankful to all who have helped her. She would

like to write to each one, but is not able. She is very needy. Has five children. Will be a shut-in the rest of her life.

MENDETS STILL ON SALE.

As spring comes, with its housecleaning, we think some of our readers may want to try mendets, to mend the leaks in granite, tin, copper, for pans, buckets, wash boilers, etc., and also for hot-water bags. These mendets are very handy, especially in the country. Just send us an order for our Emergency Fund, as the money from the sale of these above expenses goes into the Emergency Fund to assist worthy shut-ins. Price of mendets is 25 cents and two-cent stamp for mailing. Be sure to send coin or money order, and not Canadian money. Send direct to Mrs. Gertrude Cherry, Xenia, Ohio. We do not want agents for mendets, as the profits are too small.

PASSED BEYOND.

Mr. Mark Robinson, 19 Pine Street, Petersburg, Va., passed away in February. He had many friends among the Sunshiners.

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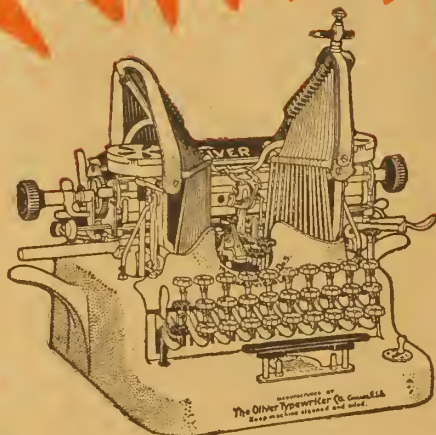
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An' the clouds hang dark an' heavy, an' won't let the sunshine through,
It's a great thing, oh, my brethren, for a feller just to lay
His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way!

It makes a man feel curious; it makes the tears drop start,
An' you sort o' feel a flutter in the region o' your heart;
You can't look up an' meet his eyes; you don't know what to say,
When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way!

Oh, the world is a curious compound, with its honey an' its gall,
With its cares and bitter crosses; but a good world after all,
And a good God must have made it—leastways, that's what I say
When a hand rests on my shoulder in a friendly sort o' way!

TOILET HINTS.

All women dread wrinkles, and many are the lotions offered for their removal; but I have found that, regarding wrinkles as well as many other things, prevention is better than remedy. If a woman will carefully watch herself, she can readily prevent many of these unseemly lines, popularly supposed to be the marks of time, but more correctly the marks of carelessness.

What woman does not, when perplexed, tired or out of humor, draw down her brows, forming the perpendicular wrinkles above the nose, until by and by they become a permanent fixture? Frequently, when sitting, occupied with particular work or an interesting book, or particularly when listening to something unusual or exciting, the eyebrows are raised, causing long horizontal wrinkles across the brow that soon constantly remain. Oftentimes, when the mind is intently occupied with some important thought, the lips are pursed up, and so wrinkles around the mouth are allowed to grow. Mayhap one forms the habit of squinting the eyes when reading or sewing, until almost before they are aware, annoying crow's-feet are planted. All of which, if care is taken, may be readily prevented by keeping the features in repose. But it will take determined effort for some time. If one has carelessly allowed these disfiguring wrinkles to appear, they may be remedied. First, by being careful to always keep the features in their correct and natural position to prevent a deepening of the lines. Second, by regularly bathing the face and neck every night and morning in very warm water—or better still, hot milk—and while the flesh is warm and moist, carefully and gently smoothing and rubbing it until the unsightly lines are pressed out. Of course, they will return, but regular repetitions will cause them to become less noticeable, if not to altogether disappear, if the bathing, rubbing and smoothing are persevered in. But as it took a long while to form them, so, too, it will require time and composure of features to eradicate them. A careful and gentle patting and pinching of the cheeks while warm and moist will also, if regularly persevered in, prevent the unsightly hollows which women dread even more than they do wrinkles.

You surely have some friends who would appreciate the gift of some of our lovely flowers, and our offers are so liberal that you may easily promote their enjoyment. No more appropriate gift can be made. See pages 28 to 31.

Roses Red and Lovers True

(Continued from page 5)

There was a pause for a few minutes after Harry stopped speaking, broken only by Edith exclaiming:

"What a lovely ending to a lovely romance! If your friend [Harry had omitted, all names] would meet again this sweet girl of the past, grown into some gentle lady, older, of course, but just as pleasing and fascinating—like mamma, say—"

"Edith, Edith!" remonstrated Mrs. Meade.

"Yes," sighed Harry, who had wished the same thing; "but there's no use thinking about it. You have got to put a pretty large margin on a lover's idea of beauty."

Edith pouted, and Harry, feeling the ground whereon he stood was dangerous, hastened to explain.

"What I mean is, the man fell in love when, as he says, he was only a green, sophisticated youth, and I've no doubt the girl was about on par with him, and probably the best cure he could have would be to see her now."

"Why," laughingly asks Mrs. Meade, "what is your idea of the appearance of the heroine after a lapse of twenty years?"

"Oh, a very fat, puffy woman, with a shiny, smiling face, and who wears her hair parted in the middle and pasted flat down on both sides; a person who gets very red in the face when she talks, wears black alpaca dresses for Sundays, and whose chief conversation is concerning the pies her 'darter' bakes, the amount of milk the cows give and the amazin' fall in the price of potatoes and turnips since last year."

"Stop! stop!" screamed both ladies at once. "Have you no poetry in your soul?" indignantly demands Edith, while Mrs. Meade, with tears in her eyes, wonders what the fastidious Mr. Stiles would think of such a picture.

"How did you know it was John Stiles' romance I was telling you?" asked Harry, with a quizzical air.

"I—I guessed as much; you speak of him so frequently," replied the widow with a telltale confusion.

Before Harry could make any further comments on the subject, Edith wanted to know if it really was his friend John Stiles' story he had told them.

"Yes," replied Harry, but he was distraught and thoughtful to an alarming degree the rest of the evening.

"It is so strange we have never met him," continues Edith.

"Not so strange, dear," says Mrs. Meade. "We lived abroad so many years, and since our return and residence in this city, Harry's friend has been away most of the time."

"Why don't you bring him to call on us?" asked Edith, with a little frown. "I would like to meet him so much."

"I will, provided Mrs. Meade doesn't object." And Harry directed another inquiring look at the widow, and again the "rosy signal of distress" made its appearance.

"Bring him, by all means. You know any of your friends will be gladly welcomed here." And she brushed vigorously at an imaginary spot on her dress.

Harry promised to bring his friend to see them at an early date, said good-night to Edith in the most approved lover's fashion, and altogether conducted himself

quite properly until out of doors, and then he performed a series of wild gestures, jumps and kicks that would have justified any casual observer in questioning the young man's sanity.

"By Jove!" he chuckled, "if there is such a thing as being favored by the gods, I must be one of their pets these days, for by the sacred white elephant, I'll bet all the small change I possess I've discovered the Bessie Ford of John's romance! Ha, ha, my sly Mrs. Meade! The pretty, unconscious air you assumed when you made that break about knowing whose story I was telling, was fine, very fine; but you'll find I can see through the hole in the stone wall about as well as the next one. I am positive Mrs. Meade and Bessie Ford are one and the same. She always was interested when I spoke of him. Wonder what the Hon. Mr. Stiles will say when he meets his Bess again? For I'll take him to see them by fair means or foul. Great guns, won't I enjoy it! To be sure, I'll be as innocent as Edith's kitten as to how matters stand." And here Harry performed another wild leap into the air, and on reaching terra firma was considerably surprised to find himself in the strong grasp of no other than John Stiles.

"Why, John, what on earth brings you out on the streets at this hour of the night?" asked Harry, who was conversant with his friend's ways.

"That," replied the other, with a grim smile, "is just what I was going to ask you, young man."

"Oh, I've been spending the evening with Edith," returned Harry, with a nonchalant air that waved aside further questioning. "Just had you in mind. You know the familiar old adage about thinking of the devil and his sure appearance?" laughs Harry.

"Hem! I suppose that accounts for the devilish antics I've witnessed for the past square or two. I am glad it is myself and not Miss Edith who is held responsible for them. I was fearful I had a madman for my companion. Come, the cause of all this midnight hilarity?"

"No hilarity about it," returns Mr. Crosby, shortly, for he is not a little chagrined to know his friend has seen them. "But when a man has been three whole hours in the presence of ladies, doing the graceful and elegant, I don't see what odds it is if—"

"He acts the clown going home," finishes out the other. "I see, I see, my dear young man. The golden chain which Cupid forged is already beginning to bind, and I tremble lest the day will come when Edith's pretty eyes will be suffused with tears over the perfidy of an inconstant lover."

"Oh, hang your inconstant lover!" exclaims our irreverent youth. "You know I love Edith better every day; but I tell you I think it's downright mean in you not to show some desire to meet her." And Harry mentally shook hands with himself over this timely advancement of his little plan.

"Well, Harry, I don't know but you're right. I have been negligent, and I certainly owe it to you to meet your betrothed; but you know how beset with the cares and worries of business life I am, and it's little time or inclination I have had to go into the gay world you inhabit. This meeting is quite oppor-

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tune. I am called to the West on an important matter of business, and was on my way to say good-by for a few weeks. Come, walk to the train with me."

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Weeks went by, and still our hero remained in the West.

Summer had come, and Mrs. Meade and Edith had gone to spend the season among the New England hills, where Harry soon followed. Authorized by Mrs. Meade, Harry sent a hearty invitation to John to visit them. And so, one sleepy afternoon in July he stepped off the train at the little station of D—. Learning that the distance was not great, he walked to the Meade place.

He was told, on knocking, that no one was at home, and so strolled out through the garden and seated himself in a pleasant summer house. While enjoying the beautiful surroundings, hearing some one approaching, he looked up, and was surprised and delighted to see Bessie Ford, looking older, to be sure, but sweet and winning as of old.

"You did not expect to meet an old friend in me, I see. I purposely refrained from letting Harry know I knew you, so as to surprise all of you." And Mrs. Meade, who had been very brave up to this time, began to feel less self-possessed.

But John, who had been drinking in every line of the dear face, found his voice at this crisis, and entered into conversation with a spiritedness that astonished Mrs. Meade, who knew his diffidence of old. They talked of many things, touched lightly on bygone days, and now, as then, were walking in the garden.

At some remark concerning the flowers, Mrs. Meade turned, and offering to him the rose she was holding, said, half shyly, a little coquettishly:

"I am almost afraid to offer you one of my roses; the result was very, very disastrous once."

John quickly took the rose and the hand that held it in his.

"Bessie, I was a consummate fool then, who loved you so hard I couldn't tell you so in plain English. But I still owe you an apology and explanation of some disgraceful words I used, and I'll give it now."

"Never mind the apology; I know all about the cause, and forgive you freely and fully, as I did then, only you wouldn't say anything. Harry told us the whole story."

"What! Has that young scoundrel been retailing my private affairs?" demanded John, with a faint attempt to look savage, but which proved to be an utter failure.

"No, no; he only told us the story. I knew who the parties were, and John, it was the first time I knew you had cared for me."

"Cared for you! I have never known what it was to do anything else. Twenty years ago my heart was bursting to tell you how I loved you. Is it too late to say that love is as strong as ever, and to ask you to share my declining years?" And John stood up with an erectness that must have been very tantalizing to Father Time if he was lurking around just then.

"No," replied Mrs. Meade, "it is not too late."

And John—if the angels had pitied him in past years they must have sung with joy now, for a happier man did not exist anywhere.

"I hope you will love Edith. She is very precious to me, and it costs me not

a little sorrow to think of giving her to another; but Harry is a good boy—"

"And has been like a son to me," added John. "Ah, Bess, this world is a happy place!"

Mrs. Meade joyously assented. "Here are the children. What will they say? I believe I'll run."

"No you won't." And John, who had become deplorably bold within the last half hour, threw his arm around Mrs. Meade to prevent her escape. And this was the interesting tableau which greeted Harry and Edith.

Exclamations of surprise and introductions followed. Then John, with a majestic mien, took the hand of Mrs. Meade and presented her to Harry as the Bessie Ford of other days and the future Mrs. John Stiles.

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"Known what?" asked Edith with a puzzled air. "Do tell me what it all means?"

Harry, who felt he had been cheated out of his share in the performance, took it upon himself to give the explanation.

Edith accepted her new father very kindly, much to the delight of Mrs. Meade. "But to think of your knowing it all this time and never telling me," she said, with a grieved air, to Harry.

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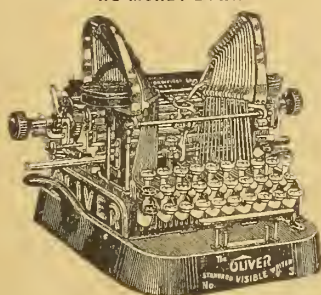
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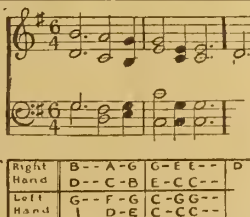
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Chapter I.

SHE had been christened Hagar, but nobody ever called her anything but Garry. She was an orphan, and since graduating from a distant school had lived with her widowed aunt, Mrs. Rachel Gray, who, the neighbors would have told you, "took boarders for a livin'." It had been an experiment of Garry's three years before, this plan of summer boarders, and had proved a success. Since then their beautiful country home among the hills had been quite a favorite resort for artists and literary people, from early June to late September. Those who came once wanted to come again.

Garry herself was an artist, in every sense of the word. Not only could she paint beautiful pictures, but her deft fingers had an artistic way of shaping everything they touched, whether she trained the vines about the broad piazza, fashioned her own and her aunt's hats and dresses, or mixed the bread at night.

She was not handsome, this gay, sweet Garry, scarcely pretty; yet she had a fascinating face—some trick of eyes or smile, wondrously winning. Men adored her and women loved her, except the envious ones; they called her heartless and a notorious flirt.

She was cutting a lovely spray of sweet-brier roses from a bush by the roadside in the golden hush of the June afternoon. The thorns had scratched her rounded wrist and torn the ruffles of her dainty white dress. Her hat was off, and the late afternoon sunshine lay like a glory across her ruddy hair, and awoke beautiful gleams in her red-brown eyes.

There was a whirr of wheels through the stillness, and a grand gray horse, foam-flecked and panting, was drawn up beside her, and Doctor Hunter's cheery voice called:

"Leave your roses for tonight, Garry, and ride with me."

She turned at sound of his manly voice in glad surprise.

"Is it you, Doctor Hunter? I thought you were in town for two days. Dick, your office boy, said you would not be home until the day after tomorrow. I am so glad! I was afraid you would miss my lawn party tomorrow night."

"Dick is a bungler," he laughed. "But come up here, Garry, and ride with me. I want to talk to you."

She took the shapely hand held down to assist her, flushing rosily, for the "here" was very close in the narrow buggy, and she had only been Doctor Hunter's promised wife three months. Beside, too, she was well aware what he wanted to talk to her about. At the time of their engagement, when he had insisted on an early marriage, she had pleaded for three months, in which to learn "what it was like to be engaged," and the three months ended yesterday. He was not going to give her many days of grace, evidently. She, poor child, was glad of it. Out of his busy life, in the whole three months, she had scarcely seen him. A few hand clasps, a passion-

ate kiss now and then, or an eloquent look was all the waiting had brought to Garry.

It was such rare pleasure to have him all to herself for a little while! She was half jealous, sometimes, of the restless tide of sick and suffering humanity that claimed his time, his thoughts, his tender sympathy, his active brain and eager, impulsive life.

June and June afterward, the memory of that ride came back to her, bringing the same ecstatic thrill of happiness it brought to her then. Through the same rosy mist she saw again the wide hills ablaze with sunset, the ditches on either side of the long, winding country road filled with bending ferns, and a tan-

brushed the hem of her garments in a crowd. Ridiculous, wasn't it?" laughing a little. "Perhaps it is because I never had anything to love before except my horse, and she, old Princess, never gave me cause to doubt her."

"Do I?"

"No, little girl, not often; but do you know, I should like to pitch that artist fellow, Montague, who boards at your aunt's, over the hill into the frog pond yonder? He seems to be always helping you to tie up a rose bush, or trim a vine, or weed a flower bed, when I pass the house lately; and he treats me when we meet as if I were a tyrannical old Bluebeard, in search of another victim for my blue closet. Do not think me either a milk sop or a tyrant, Garry, but I will not divide your looks, or words, or smiles with any man, 'nor Launcelot nor another.' And really, little girl, is it quite necessary that he should monopolize you so completely?" he queried.

How could he know, since she did not tell him, that she had fairly grown to hate Jack Montague for this same "monopoly"? But he was angry enough already, she thought. So she only said, lightly:

"While he boards at the house it is not possible to entirely avoid him, and since he will persist in helping me with the flowers, I am sure I don't see how I can well avoid that, either. I would much rather he did not."

"I would, too," grimly. "But there," lifting up her face to his with a careless touch, "no more scolding tonight, darling; I have been getting desperate for a sight of your bonny face all these long days that I have been too busy to come to you. I was too busy tonight, but I fairly stopped my ears, turned my back on duty, for this one hour with you. 'But my probation is over now, little laggard, and I am going to carry you away with me soon, where I can pet, love and scold you, too, if I choose, every day. You may have until tomorrow night to decide when it shall be—until tomorrow night at your lawn party; wait for me in the summer house at the foot of the garden.'"

Then they talked of the future, and the beautiful new life waiting for them, lovers' talk, meant only for each other; and nobody was near to catch low-spoken words, to note ineffable glances or lingering hand clasps, except some russet-breasted robin, flying westward, or a wandering ladybug, cleaving the sunset air with shining wings; and these were no tattlers.

However, it was a very radiant-faced maiden that Doctor Hunter put down at her Aunt Rachel's gate in the slanting sunset shadows.

It was tea time, and Rachel Gray's dining room looked very inviting, flooded to the furthest corner with the golden sunset light. The long table, with its snowy linen and glittering glass and china, was daintily spread. Pressed chicken, nicely sliced on square platters, round plates filled with crisp cookies, thin as wafers and deliciously brown, squares of yellow

THE WAY TO WIN

Work with hands and feet and brain,
Work in sunshine and in rain,
If you'd win the prize.
Only he whose will is strong,
Working well and working long,
Can to honor rise.

Work with mirth and might and zest,
Idle hands are never blest;
God has so decreed.
Only those who strive to do,
And whose hearts are warm and true,
Can at last succeed.

Work to do the best you can,
Like a brave and honest man;
Toiling hours are best;
And when twilight's shadows fall,
Heed the fond home's loving call—
Then lie down to rest.

—David Banks Sickles.

gle of sweet wild things, all bloom and scent; the air aquiver with bird songs and the drowsy hum of insects; and her whole being going out to the grave man beside her, whose promised wife she was.

At a word from her master, the Arabian mare came to a walk, very gracefully arching her proud neck.

"I am half afraid of your beautiful horse," she said. "People say she is a runaway and will break your neck some day."

He laughed.

"People say a good many things that are not true; for instance, they tell me Garry Gray is a flirt, and will break my heart some day."

A vexed flush crept into her face for a moment; it was annoying that people should say such things about her to him. Perhaps, too, she remembered just then how absurdly jealous he used to be in the first days of his wooing; or, if she did not remember, his next words reminded her of the fact.

"You know I am a jealous fellow, Garry, but believe me, it is only since I have had you; before that I never knew I had a trace of the green-eyed monster about me. And now—well, I am almost as bad as the poor fellow who told me that he was jealous of every man who came near his wife, almost of the people who only

sponge cake heaped in a silver basket, a great blue china bowl filled with red, luscious strawberries; these, with snowy bread, golden butter and fragrant tea, completed the bill of fare. The summer breeze, June-scented, lifted the muslin curtains, and there were roses everywhere.

Garry came in just as they were all seated at the tea table, and held up her spray of roses for their inspection.

"See," she cried, "we will paint them tomorrow. Are they not lovely? And so deliciously fragrant."

All admired the delicate pink blossoms except Jack Montague—handsome, sarcastic Jack, the cleverest artist amongst them all. His jealous eyes, that always seemed to know just where she was, had seen her alight from Doctor Hunter's buggy, and knew the meaning of her radiant face.

"Bah!" he said. "There is an odor of picra and pills about them. Rose-scented pills might do, but from pill-scented roses, good Lord deliver me!" with a wry face that amused everybody, even Garry, in spite of her blushes.

The garden next night was a transfigured place in the fairy light of the lanterns. Doctor Hunter was late. If, as he said, he felt out of place in gay gatherings, he certainly appeared quite at ease as he sauntered down the leaf-flecked path on his way to the summer house, under the rosy, swaying lights. Many turned to look admiringly after the strong, dark man, with his square, handsome shoulders, or stood to listen to his cheery voice and boyish laugh.

Down in the summer house, where the band music came softened and dreamy, Garry waited impatiently for Doctor Hunter. Five, ten minutes passed, when down the lily-bordered path came a danger signal, the scent of a cigar—Jack Montague's, she knew; he was always smoking. She had told him only yesterday that she believed he would go to his own wedding smoking. What if he should come inside? Breathlessly she waited, and shrank further back in the shadows. But hiding was useless; he evidently knew she was there, and came on purpose to find her.

For the next quarter of an hour a stormy scene went on in the dim, music-haunted summer house. And when Doctor Hunter finally appeared on the scene, it was to find Jack Montague holding Garry's hands in both his own, while he bent his tall head to talk to her. Whether she was a willing listener, he did not stop to see, for taking in the scene with wrathful eyes, he only half turned at Garry's call to say haughtily, "Excuse me, I will not spoil sport," and strode down the garden path, under the swaying lanterns, crushing the pebbles under his feet as he went, his heart surging with the old jealous pain; hearing only the horrid gossip dinning in his ears so long, "Garry Gray is a flirt, and will break your heart some day."

Poor Garry! What had come over the night! How weird the lights had grown. Was that "Annie Laurie" the band played in such a dirge-like way? And these gay people, had she ever been like them? It seemed just then as if she never could laugh and talk like that again. And by and by the fog crept up from the marshes, gray and dank and cold, chilling her heart like an omen.

In the dim morning, while Jack Montague was speeding cityward as fast as steam could carry him, Dick, the office

boy, handed this letter to Doctor Hunter:

We are quits at last, Hunter. I confess I have been hating you all summer for coming between me and Garry Gray. I met her, by appointment, in the summer house last night, and asked her to marry me. She told me she was going to marry you, though she loved me better; but poverty was not to her liking, and you would be a rich man some day. Ah! she is a consummate flirt. Do you remember Leslie Vane, the slender, yellow-haired, handsome fellow, scarcely more than a boy, who boarded there last summer? She threw him over, too, and he is dying somewhere up among the Berkshire hills, dying for the love of Garry Gray. I wish you much joy of your bonny bride, but she carries too many ghastly trophies at her saddle bow to suit my taste, so I'm off.

Montague.

Chapter II.

Then the hills and the glad, sweet morning
Scarlet bells in the meadows blow—
God is good to his wayward children,
Darling, darling, I love you so.

Doctor Hunter had a sick headache. For three weeks he had borne the strain on heart and brain, until every nerve was on the rack, like those of a sickly woman. He got through the busy days, with their endless round of duties; it was the nights that told upon him—the white, pitiless nights, when he could not sleep, and the moonlight lay like the trail of a white serpent across his chamber floor; when haunting eyes looked at him from every corner of the room; sweet, laughing, bonny eyes—would life be long enough to ever let him forget them?

He had thrown himself on the floor in utter abandonment, his hand holding his throbbing temples. It was cool and quiet in the cozy, pretty little room, with its tasteful adornings and handsome pictures. A quaintly-fashioned brass stand stood near him, holding a vial, a glass with a teaspoon in it, a wash bowl with water, and a towel. Presently the door opened softly, and some one entered the room.

"I am going away tomorrow, and have brought home the books you lent me, Doctor Hunter. Your sister said I was to leave them here."

It was Garry Gray's voice breaking the cool stillness. He removed his hand from his eyes like a flash, and looked at her a moment, white as death could ever make him. Then, as if the sight was more than he could bear, he pressed his hand once more across them, with a "yes" that was half a moan.

"Is the pain very bad?" she said, softly, going a step nearer to him.

A red flush mounted to his forehead, then receded, leaving him whiter than before, as he asked, with a harsh laugh:

"Is that what you say to all of them? Do you gage the depth of the wound by the pain it causes? Yes, it is hard, if that is any consolation—hard enough to kill, God knows!" looking at her with his pain-shadowed eyes—"only it shall not. I have said it shall not. You," coldly, relentlessly, "are not worth it!"

She looked at him, a half-dazed inquiry in her proud, beautiful eyes. Once, twice she opened her lips as if to speak, but no words came. Her hands dropped by her side. Her breath came pantingly through her white lips; but without uttering a single syllable, she turned and walked out of the room.

Well, July drifted into the lurid heat of dog days; and August, steeped in southern languor, floated dreamily into the purple haze of September, as if loth to go. October sumachs flamed, and dropped their crimson banners. The wild geese clanged good-by through the gray mists of November, and December came, with its hurrying snowflakes, before Garry

Gray came back to her hill-girdled home.

And in those days and weeks and months, through heat and cold, through storm and sunshine, Doctor Hunter went his daily rounds, a little graver than of old, yet with an added tenderness, if that could be, for every living thing that suffered. He went nowhere, not even to church. He lived absolutely in the sick room or with his books. White threads crept into his dark hair, and the old joyous, boyish laugh, was silent.

Once, a week after her return, going home at sunset from the church, where she had been helping the young people decorate for Christmas, Garry met Doctor Hunter. He was flying along, fast as the gray "Princess" could carry him, muffled in his big fur overcoat, she walking quietly, a dainty figure in her sealskin cloak and cap. Each stared into the other's pale face with a mute sort of fascination, and as he shot past her he touched his cap and she bowed coldly.

But oh, how good it was to be at home once more—home with Aunt Rachel and the hills! Home with her pictures and her work, she told herself she might in time learn to forget her heartache and Doctor Hunter's cruel desertion. Vain delusion, when every night, no matter how cold, wrapped in a shawl, she watched from her window to see a grand gray horse go tearing down the hill. Sometimes, too, she saw the brown-gloved hands that held the lines so firmly, or a glimpse of the big, shaggy fur coat. But more often, only the narrow, whirling buggy that carried her heart in its frail depths. And so the dreary months of winter waned.

In April, Garry had pneumonia, and was more ill than anybody but Aunt Rachel and Doctor Hunter knew. How she remembered it all afterward like a troubled dream! It was so strange to lie there, weak and ill, drifting, drifting somewhere, perhaps to God. Too ill to scarcely lift her eyelids to the dear faces about her, her weak hands grateful for those other hands that used their strength for her.

Oh, those day dawns, dim and chill, when the robins sang, but brought no sense of soothing to her fever-troubled brain! The soft spring twilights, when the frogs croaked in the marshes, the long, pain-burdened nights, endless as eternity, when the moonlight stretched its white length across the floor, or the gray mist crept in at the windows, like chill fingers reaching for her heart. When steps came up the stairs at midnight and strong hands shifted her hot pillows—skilled, gentle hands, that brought surcease from pain, like the touch of blessed garments.

But as the pain ceased and the fevered pulse beat slower, there came long, dreamy days and nights when it was such blessedness to sleep that she half forgot to be thankful. Such a strange, sweet sense of newness was in all she heard and saw. Had old earth been glorified while she slumbered? Surely the exultant thrill of the bird songs was never so enchanting, the welcoming gladness of the morning so wonderful. Even the croak of the frogs in the marshes, and the cherry blossoms tossing at her window, meant life—life that was beautiful and worth living after all.

Garry was able to up and about her room now, although she had not yet been downstairs, for it troubled her to walk much. She sat with her easy chair drawn

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CHAMPION TOMATO RAISER OF NORTHERN STATES TELLS HER STORY

Miss Eloise Parsons, of Clarinda, Iowa, is the young woman whose record in the Department of Agriculture's garden and canning clubs was the best of the thousands made by members in the thirty-three Northern states. Miss Parsons obtained a yield of 5,318 pounds of tomatoes from her tenth-acre plat. Her costs were \$15.61, and her net profits were \$115.57. Her costs cover every item of expense in raising the crop, including rent of land, her own time (estimated at 10 cents an hour), fertilizers and sprays. She describes some of her difficulties in obtaining this result as follows:

"I decided I would try to have ripe tomatoes very early and so obtain good prices for them. So in the latter part of February I planted the early variety in three boxes, which I placed on a shelf in front of the south windows in the dining room. In a short time they came through and grew rapidly. But they began to grow tall and spindly, so in the latter part of March I transplanted part of them into small pasteboard boxes, one plant in each. By doing this I could move them to the open without disturbing the roots and hindering the development of the plants. Then as soon as it was warm enough I set the rest in a cold frame, four inches apart each way. On the first of April I planted the late variety in the hotbed. Those in the cold frame and in the pasteboard boxes developed a great amount of roots and were very strong, some in bloom, when I transplanted them to the open ground on May 22nd. The plants in the hotbed did not develop such strong roots, and because of this fact, and also that it was very dry, I lost quite a few of them when I transplanted them. After filling in for the fourth time a few vacant places still remained, as it was almost impossible to get them started because of the early drought. In all I had over 600 plants.

I hoed them after each rain and whenever I thought it necessary. As we moved to this place this spring, and the garden was not plowed in the fall, many weed seeds were not destroyed, and I had a very hard time keeping the weeds down. The plants did not grow very large, and as it continued very dry, I decided it not best to stake the plants. The plants did not make a very great growth and very few needed pruning. I hoed them until the tomatoes began to ripen and the plants were too large.

"I picked my first ripe tomatoes July 9th. From then on the pickings every two or three days grew larger. At first I received 10 cents a pound, but soon the price began to fall, so that after September 1st I received only 2 cents a pound. As my father runs a dairy, he took the tomatoes with him and sold them very easily to the hotels, restaurants and milk customers. He was able to sell almost all of them until the green ones were gathered. As long as we could get a dollar a bushel for the tomatoes fresh, and as we were so very busy with the work of the dairy, I thought it best not to can them.

After school began I was kept very busy in picking the tomatoes. For several weeks it took me three evenings of the week to get over the entire patch, and often gathered over ten bushels. During the second and third weeks of September we had so much rainy weather that I could not gather the tomatoes, and after the rains they began to ripen so rapidly that many of them split. On October 12th and 13th I had to gather the green tomatoes. I gathered 1,083 pounds. There was no sale for those. We used all we could and I gave some to the neighbors, and still a great many went to waste, as they were wet when they were gathered, and as it turned warm again, they rotted very fast. As

we had a great deal of company this summer, and because our other garden vegetables were not as good as usual, we used more tomatoes fresh.

I made a collection of canned fruits, vegetables and meats, which consisted of the following: Tomatoes, beets, white wax beans, green podded beans, celery, carrots, pickled onions, beet greens, pumpkin, shelled beans, pears, apples, plums, peaches, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, white and purple grapes, sausage, chicken, corn, watermelon pickles and gooseberries. I exhibited this collection at the State Fair, and won a first, a second and a fourth prize on it and my other club work. I did all this canning by the cold-packed, hot-water bath process. I also canned, alone, thirty quarts of windfall apples, ten quarts of gooseberries, six pints of beans, 100 quarts of tomatoes. I also helped with the canning of the strawberries, cherries, peaches, tomato butter and catchup, apple jellies and gooseberry jam.

As to my other club work, I will say that I was at Des Moines during the State Fair, and helped to record and care for the exhibits sent in by club members. I also gave a canning demonstration for the county teachers' meeting at Clarinda on September 26th. The demonstration was held in the domestic science rooms at the high school building. I took my own canner, tomatoes and apples, and most of the other necessities, besides most of my collection, to show the different things one can conserve by this method.

As a summary I will state that my expenses were \$15.61 and my profit \$115.57, besides winning \$23.00 in prizes at the State Fair. I have enjoyed this work, although it has been long and sometimes a bit lonesome. It has provided my own spending money and enabled me to pay my expenses at the Farm Camp, besides having a bank account of \$60.00."

HOME CANNING TO REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

By Grace Marian Smith, Agriculture Extension Department.

The European war should give added impetus to the canning campaign that representatives of the United States government are carrying on through the Northern and Western states.

For the past eight years the Girls' Clubs of the South have canned in such quantities that the output for last year had an estimated value of \$80,000. Now Uncle Sam is carrying the work to the farm girls of the North who want to share in this enormous industrial economy.

It is estimated that nearly half of the vegetables and fruits grown on the farm go to waste, yet we buy these products canned. One state alone imported \$200,000 worth of canned goods last year.

There is no reason why we should allow our vegetables to go to waste, and then buy at the store for 15 cents, goods which could have been canned at home for a trifle more than one-fourth of that sum; or, do as many families do, go without vegetables in the winter because canned goods are considered too expensive. The can of tomatoes which costs 15 cents on the market can be canned at home for 4 cents; and the home-canned goods contain one-third more pulp than the factory-canned.

Health experts say the eating of more fruit and vegetables would reduce doctor

bills, and make us more efficient by keeping us in better condition to do our work. Therefore, it is the part of wisdom to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Most families now can some fruits. It is no less wise and economical to can our own vegetables instead of buying commercial products. It is certain that with the whole of Europe in arms, European countries can produce little or nothing, and that that continent must draw on America for food supplies. Our commercial canners are selling to those high-priced markets, and the American consumer must either go without or pay high prices, too; that is, he must if he depends on the canning factories.

But why should we depend on the commercial supply? Why should we not can the products which are going to waste on the farm?

Corn, string beans, beets, carrots, tomatoes, and all the fruits of the farm should be canned in quantities. The windfall apples will not keep as they are, but cored and canned they will serve for pies and salads next winter.

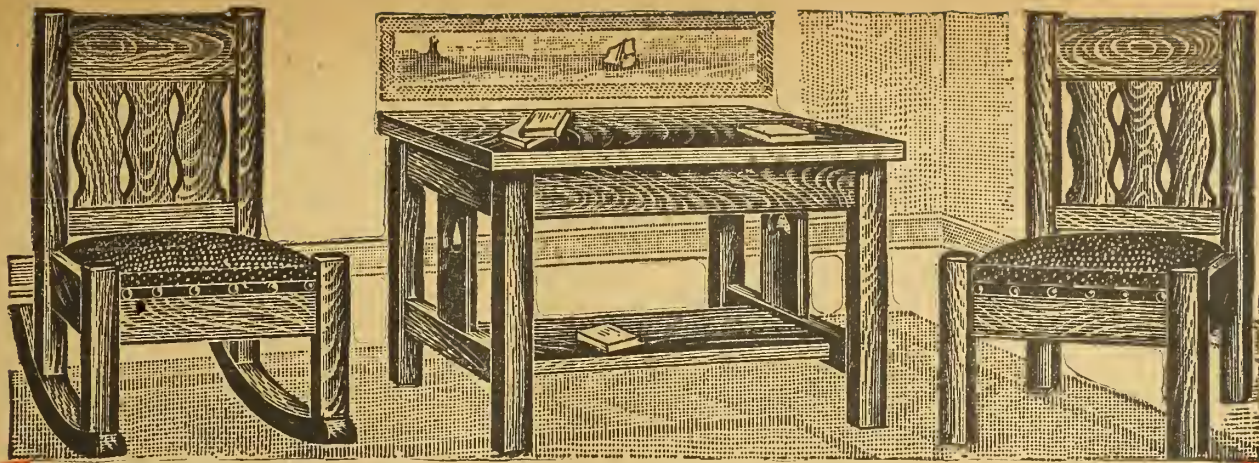
One reason why the housewife has not canned more is that by the open-kettle method it is hard, hot, slow work. She couldn't find time along with her other household duties; she was too tired when she did have time; and when her daily

routine work was done, she could not endure canning over the hot stove.

But the cold-pack method of canning brushes aside all these objections. The worker does not need to stand over the hot stove; she may can a bushel as easily and in the same space of time as she could hitherto can a peck; and she has a more palatable food when her work is done.

What is more, it doesn't require any special equipment, nor any special recipes. Nearly 300 demonstrators working under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture are helping to spread the story of how simple and easy the process is.

Women's Clubs, the Farmers' Institute workers, members of the American Society of Thrift, schools, and other local organizations are taking up the work and helping spread the story of how, by canning, the farm girl at home can provide a balanced ration for her family, and in addition make a goodly sum of money for herself. Not just pin money, but money in quantity sufficient to be called an income. Numbers of Canning Club girls have earned enough in this way to pay their expenses at a college; others have assisted in paying off farm mortgages, saved money to take little vacation trips, or for other individual uses.

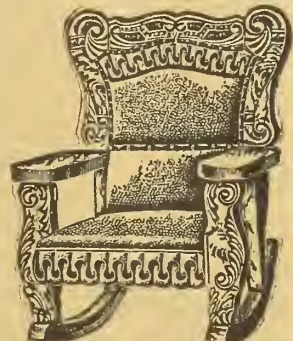


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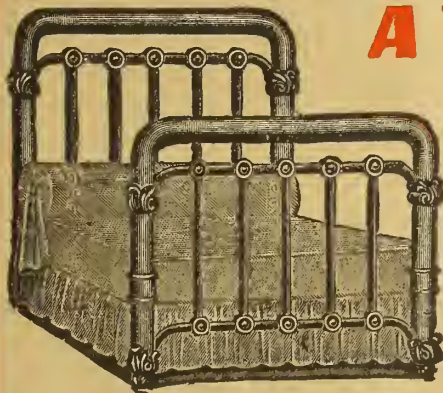
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With Our Floral Friends

GLADIOLI.

By Margaret M. Mann, Colorado.

For many years gladioli have been popular with flower lovers, but the recent development of new and improved varieties is making this flower a general favorite.

The ease with which gladioli can be grown, and their lasting qualities as a cut flower, commend it both to those who grow flowers for commercial purposes, and to the busy housewife who desires to make her home attractive.

As a flower for church decoration they cannot be surpassed. Large vases filled with the brilliant reds against a background of green attract and hold the attention, compelling admiration, while the lighter shades used separately always call forth enthusiastic praise.

Gladioli should be cut when the first blossoms unfold, as the remaining buds will develop after cutting. If the water is changed each day, and a tiny slice of the stem is cut off, they will last at least two weeks.

Gladioli will thrive, even with neglect, but it pays to give them good care. It will require no more time to cultivate a row of gladioli than to care for the same space planted to potatoes.

For the earliest gladioli, bulbs should be sprouted. If placed in single layers in shallow boxes, with a small amount of soil under and over them, they will sprout nicely in about three weeks. Light is not necessary, but the place in which the boxes are kept should be moderately warm. The bulbs can be planted out of doors quite early. They should be planted deep—six inches at least for the large bulbs. Deep planting helps to support the stems, and also insures much finer blooms than shallow planting.

Several plantings should be made, so as to give a succession of blooms. It is well to secure some of the smaller bulbs also, as these bloom later.

The bulbs should be planted from two to three inches apart, thriving just as well under this condition as though they were farther apart. Close planting also serves to provide support for the stalks.

Any good garden soil will grow gladioli. If manure is used, it should be thoroughly rotted, as fresh manure is liable to rot the bulbs. Good drainage is another requisite. Few flowers will thrive in wet, soggy ground.

The location should preferably be sunny, and the weeds should be kept down. Even a novice will be sure of a crop of flowers if these directions are followed.

If the winds seem too strong for the stalks, stakes driven at the ends of the row and at intervals in between with strong cord strung upon them will furnish support.

In the fall, before the ground freezes, dig the bulbs, retaining what is left of the stalk if possible. Place them in a protected place to cure. When the tops are dry, they separate readily from the bulbs, and the latter may then be placed in paper bags to hang in a frost-proof cellar until

time to plant again. The tiny bulblets should be saved also, as they soon grow into large sized bulbs. Before planting these small bulbs, however, the hard outer covering should be removed. One large bulb will have increased to two or three, and sometimes five bulbs in a single season.

In Colorado I find that many gladioli will live in the ground over winter if a slight protection is provided. However, I prefer to lift them, because then the blossoms will be so much finer, and the stems longer, than if left in the ground.

THE CALLA LILY.

The calla is a very accommodating plant, for there are nearly as many ways of treating it as there are growers. Some keep it in the sun, others think the shade



Angel's Trumpet (Brugmansia)

the best. I have seen plants dried out, and others that were choked with dust, and yet with such treatment they bloomed and the owners thought they were beautiful plants. A water-tight jar is the best thing I have ever found to keep a calla in. A two-gallon jar is large enough for a large plant. Fill the jar half full of leaf mold from the woods, or any other decayed vegetable matter. On this fill in with rich loam from some old barn or pigpen. On this set the calla bulb, fill around it with some sand, and on top put some coarse, bright pebbles. Set the jar in a sunny window, where it will be very warm. At first water moderately with warm water, increasing the heat and quantity as the plant increases in size, until the water is up to the pebbles. Give liquid manure every two or three weeks, and wash the leaves frequently with warm water. After blooming time is past, in early summer, the jar is put outdoors in some out-of-the-way corner. Turn it on one side, and there let it remain until September, without a drop of water, and no care whatever. Of course, all the foli-

age dries up and dies. If any leaves should survive, cut them off close to the soil. If the bulbs are large and the jar full of roots I repot it; if not, I commence to give it water, and the calla commences to grow. I think where most persons fail to grow the calla successfully is because they do not give water enough. We should remember the home of the calla is the marsh lands along the river Nile, where its roots are in the water and mud half of the year; the other half the soil is as dry as dust. Their blooming season is when the Nile overflows its banks. What a beautiful sight! The oleanders with their red and pink blossoms, and the pure white callas mingling their flowers together! The works of God are truly wonderful.—Mrs. J. W. F.

MY PANSY BED.

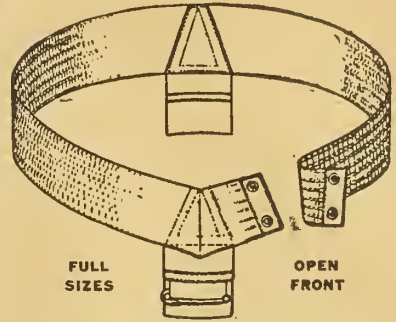
On the north side of the house, where it is cool and damp, I have a beautiful pansy bed of about eighty plants. In the spring I dug up the ground (it had been covered with manure in the fall), then I brought woods dirt and covered the bed several inches deep. I raised the young plants out of doors. I transplanted them the last of May, and the middle of July they began to bloom. I picked off every pansy twice a week, dug around the roots

and kept the dirt loose after rains. I had large pansies of every color. I planted Royal Challenge seed. In August the plants had grown so thrifty that I could use part of the plant, leaving four or five inches of stem and leaves on with the flower, and by arranging them in a large, round, low glass dish they looked as if they were growing there. A friend said to me, "I never cared for pansies in bouquets until I saw yours." You must cut the blossoms and keep the seed pods off or they get very small. I had a beautiful bouquet of the pansies October 31st and they will live and even bloom under their blanket of leaves.—Mrs. R. E. Wyman, Ohio.

PRIMROSES.

The primroses received from The Household Journal last autumn have given us a great deal of pleasure, having bloomed freely all winter. As continuous winter bloomers, even without sunshine, surely the primroses have no superior. One of the varieties sent was the Baby Primrose, and I placed it in a small jardiniere and it has made a charming table decoration for the dining room for months. Although it is doubtless better to get new plants each year from the florist or raise them from seed, still I have had excellent success in keeping

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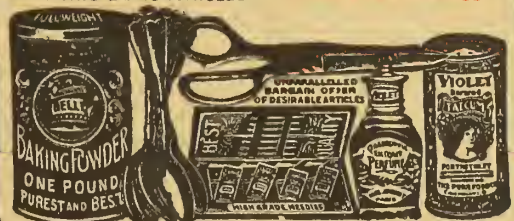
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them year after year by setting the pots, containing the plants in a cool, out-of-the-way place as soon as warm weather sets in, and allowing them a period of rest. In October I divide the plants and start each division by itself, and by placing them in rich soil and a warm location, new growth sets in almost immediately, and one has a fine collection of winter bloomers.—Mrs. Ella F. Flanders.

BEAUTIFYING OUR CITY STREETS.

We often see articles urging people to beautify their home grounds, and we are glad so many are following the advice. Our streets would be much improved if each property owner would try to keep the parking in front of their places in first-class condition. It is so often just a weed patch. We had just such a line in front of our house last year. The dandelions were so thick we knew it would be impossible to put it in to grass, so we decided on nasturtiums.

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marked in rows two feet apart. It was late in April before we got our seeds planted. We used dwarf ones next to the walk, and tall ones for the other rows.

The weeds came on apace, so we carefully hoed the place where the flowers would be some time. At last the nasturtiums came up good and thick, and we rejoiced that they were planted thick. How fast they did grow, helped on by frequent cultivation and an occasional watering with liquid manure. Meanwhile we heard various remarks. "Even planting the streets with flowers." "The kids will pick them all." "They will be trampled in the ground." "Can't grow anything on this weed patch." "You are wasting your time," and other discouraging remarks.

In time we had a thick, matted row, the length of two lots, and so full of blossoms I could not begin to pick them. And right here is where the "kids" helped out. Not without permission, nor did they tramp the vines, but picked them as carefully as I could do it, and brought a share to me. And now in February the neighbor children are spading their parking, and I think we shall have a very pretty street.—Margaret M. Mann, Colo.

EXPERIENCE WITH THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

I certainly had actual experience with a chrysanthemum plant last summer and fall.

One day I put a few slips into an old tin bucket and watered them and placed them in the shade until they freshened up, then I kept them on the back porch steps where they got the morning sun and where I had them under observation most of the time, as I was anxious to see if potted ones would bloom better than those planted in the open ground.

In a short time the slips formed one nice bush and grew to the height of about eighteen inches.

About the first of September I noticed a great number of tiny buds on the branches, and in a few weeks I decided to pinch the smallest buds off.

A few weeks later those buds that were left began to grow rapidly, because all the strength that was supposed to go to the others went to these, and by the first of October they were beginning to open.

We were surprised at the difference between those in the bucket and those in the garden. Those outdoors had numerous buds on, but the stalk was black with insects, while the potted plant did not have any on at all. Before those in the garden had any chance to bloom, a heavy frost nipped and spoiled them.

On October 15th they were in full bloom, numbering twenty-four large, white and flaky chrysanthemums with yellow centers, and still blooming lovely, and very much admired by my friends and passersby.—Miss Eleanor Hebenstreit, Ohio.

TREATMENT OF CINERARIA.

The cineraria likes a rather cool, moist situation and plenty of root room. In pot culture the plants must be shifted regularly from pot to pot, as they grow, until they occupy five-inch or six-inch pots, in which they may be allowed to bloom. Do not let the sun shine upon the sides of the pot, as it heats the soil and injures the roots. See that drainage is good, the soil porous and always moist, but not wet. Avoid noon-day sun. Keep chopped tobacco stems over the pots to prevent the attack of the greenfly, which is very troublesome when it once gains a foothold. Tobacco leaves or refuse scattered over the foliage is also helpful in warding off the attack of the aphid. Syringe the plants once a week with soapsuds made of home-made soap or whale-oil soap. This will keep down the red spider, as well as rid the plants of any other pests that may find lodgment in the foliage. Cinerarias require constant care and attention to have them thrive and bloom. The gorgeous bloom, however, is such as to justify the extra pains necessary in cultivation.

HOW I HAVE LEAF MOULD FOR MY GARDEN.

I had a pen built of old boards like a farmer's big wagon box, only larger and deeper. All the fallen leaves, the grass clippings, weeds from the flower beds and vegetable garden, corn husks and cobs from the green corn, bean and tomato vines, everything green that grows on the place, goes into that pen. In the winter I buy a load of barn-yard manure to put

on the top of it. It is forked over and when well decayed it is all one could wish to mix with the soil for potting plants or in the rows where I plant my early flowers and vegetables. The very satisfactory results testify to the success of my plan.—Mrs. Anna B., Ohio.

COSMOS.

I wish the sisters could have seen my white cosmos last October. They were a perfect snow bank of bloom. The plants were fully six feet in height, while they were twice that in circumference. They commenced branching at the very ground. They were white with bloom when they were killed by the frost. I sowed the seeds the first of April, in a box in the house, and transplanted to the open ground as soon as danger of frost was over. I planted them where a ditch had been dug, in red clay mixed with leaf mould. They did not require any water.—Mrs. T. N. W., North Carolina.

A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CACTUS.

I have a Christmas cactus that is twelve years old. I do feel proud of it. Every Christmas it is full of pink flowers. I always have it hanging. I find it best out of the way. I never fuss much with it, as it doesn't need it. The most particular thing about it is that in summer it should be kept dry and no water given for quite a few weeks; just keep it from growing, that it may get strength for the coming winter flowering, then water a little, giving some mulch in the water, or some rich dirt if you have room in the pail or jar in which the flower is planted.—Mrs. E. F. Bergstrom, Wisconsin.

ABUTILON HYBRIDS.

The new compact varieties of abutilon form rather dwarf, bushy plants, and are excellent for winter blooming. They need room and light, in order to grow naturally, and become symmetrical in form. The older varieties grow more vigorously, and need to be cut back occasionally to promote branching. The plants may be kept in a light, frost-proof cellar or room during winter, water being applied sometimes to keep the soil from drying out and causing injury. As a rule they are good winter-blooming plants when properly cared for.

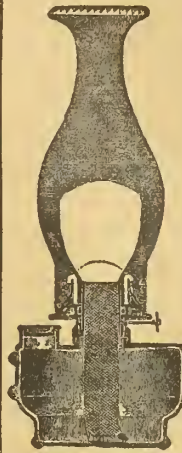
ACACIA BUDS DROPPING.

Acacias are liable to drop their buds, and often their foliage, when the drainage is imperfect and the water becomes stagnant in the pots. The remedy is to secure thorough drainage when repotting by placing a layer of charcoal or broken crock at the bottom of the pot, and cover this with woods moss before putting in the soil. Repotting when the plant is in bud would also cause the buds and foliage to drop. See that the pot is thoroughly cleansed both inside and outside before placing the plant in it.

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"Dots" on Fern Leaves—Mary E. Heston, Pennsylvania—The "dots" on the back of the fern frond which the inquirer sends are the sporangia (spore cases) which hold the fern spores, which are the reproductive organs of ferns and other cryptogams. In their function these spores correspond to seeds, but possess no embryos.

Astermums—Mrs. Ada Taylor, Kentucky—Astermums are "A strain of giant Comet asters which, on account of their immense size and chrysanthemum-like appearance, have appropriately been named astermums. They were first exhibited at the convention of the Society of American Florists in 1912, and attracted great attention." Aster mum seeds may be bought of any of the leading seedsmen in this country.

To Destroy Red Spiders—John M. Zimmerman, Pennsylvania—It is sometimes quite difficult to destroy red spiders after the plants become thoroughly infested. Any of the standard insecticides can be used to advantage, and if used frequently would destroy all forms of insect life. A good water pressure which will allow of syringing the plants heavily on sunny days will be found one of the most effective means of destroying this insect.

Vines for the North Side of the House—Mrs. J. Brubeck, Ohio—The writer is a little surprised that you have not been successful with the Clematis Paniculata, as it generally does well on the north side of the house. The English ivy is a good vine for planting against a brick wall. Any of the ampelopsis are good, and you will also find the akebia a vine of merit. The writer would suggest that you try the clematis again, as it is one of the best hardy vines. It is necessary with this vine, however, to cut it to the ground each year.

Blight on Peonies—Mrs. John Dormant, Pennsylvania—The foliage you send from your peony bush shows evidence of lack of nourishment. More than likely the plants are in too light a soil. Under this condition they will make growth, but the foliage will not be heavy nor will the flowers mature. The writer would suggest that you take up the roots and transfer them to an open location and where they can have as near a sandy clay soil as possible. The transplanting should be done about the middle of September. Do not delay later than the first of October.

Tea and Hybrid Roses—Mrs. C. H. Beiler, Illinois—The tea rose, more properly called the tea-scented rose, is a variety of India or China rose, and its botanical name is Rosa Indica Odoratissima. It was so called because its fragrance closely resembles the scent of the best green tea. Tea roses have existed in England and France since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Hybrid tea roses are the product of a cross between tea and hybrid perpetual roses. The first hybrid perpetual was the product of a cross between a damask and a hybrid China rose.

Care of Asters—Miss Mary L. Peterson, Massachusetts—It hardly seems that the insects which you have found in the soil about the roots of the aster plants fully accounts for their poor growing condition. The fact that the soil is full of insects inclines the writer to believe it is a poor soil and is not giving the plants the needed nourishment. It is true that a good fertilizer soil will grow good asters as well as a highly enriched compost. However, the plants respond readily to good culture and extra care. The ground before planting should be well spaded up or cultivated and treated to a liberal dressing of fertilizer. Plants like plenty of sunshine, but thorough cultivation is essential to their doing well, as well as watering during the hottest and driest periods of the summer. For the insects which seem to be troubling the plants the writer would suggest that you stir into the soil a liberal amount of tobacco dust, and it would be well to spread some tobacco stems around the base of the plants to help keep down aphids. There are two or three insects which bother asters more or less, and of these the aster beetle is probably

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the worst. The beetles feed on the flowers and begin their work as soon as the bud starts to open. If the plants are sprayed regularly with Paris green solution, it should rid the plants of the insect. Some florists who grow the plants for summer flowers spray with Persian insect powder. Asters should be well cultivated just before the blooming season, and at this time should be well mulched with tobacco stems to keep down aphids about the roots. A more serious difficulty than the beetle is the rust, a fungous disease which attacks the under side of the leaf and raises an orange-colored pustule. Spraying with any of the copper fungicides will keep this in check. Bordeaux mixture is used often, but the ammoniacal carbonate of copper is probably better. Start the sprayings while the plants are in the early part of their growth and repeat two or three times a month.

Cultivation of Ferns—Mrs. Annie E. Keller, Virginia—The best soil for ferns in general is a light, porous loam or leaf mold, one-half, and not too finely broken up or sifted, and the other half well-rotted manure and sharp sand, equal parts and well mixed. When potting, drainage should be provided for by filling in first with charcoal, broken pots, coarse gravel or something of the kind. Remember that ferns object to stagnant moisture at their roots and an oversupply of water. The soil must not be kept constantly soaked with water, nor should the plants be allowed to stand in water for any length of time. While care in watering must be followed, and while it is a good plan to water them in the soil so that the water will be sure to reach the roots, one should watch against mistreatment of plants in either extreme—that of soaking the soil until it becomes sour or allowing the soil to become too dry. Ferns as a rule require a soil kept on the moist side rather than the dry side; therefore provide for good drainage. Give the plants plenty of light, a moderately warm and moist temperature, and

they will soon adapt themselves to the conditions of the living room.

Planting Rambler Roses—Mrs. F. Leek, Massachusetts—Transplanting the Crimson Rambler at this time should not affect the blooming of the plant at all; that is, if it has not much more than started into growth. If the plant is a large one, however, it would be difficult to take up the fibrous roots that it will need to supply the needed nourishment for the growth which it will make during the next month or two, and unless you can take up a large ball of earth when transplanting, it might be advisable to delay the work until fall. The chances are in your favor, however, and after transplanting is done, tamp the soil well and mulch with well-rotted manure; or if this is not to be had conveniently, keep the soil well cultivated about the base of the plant, especially as the sun dries out the soil after rains and waterings, when the soil is apt to crack and allow the air to the roots. The soil should become firm and well set, however, after a week or so. If your inquiry refers to setting out plants which you would like to purchase this fall, would say that there is no reason at all why this work should not be done, and with some gain over spring planting. Any hardy rose planted in the fall will make stronger plants next summer, than if set out the coming spring, provided, of course, that they are well protected and banked with earth about the roots. The plants should be set out, however, in time to become well established before the severe weather sets in. Generally a good time to make planting is just after the first killing frost.

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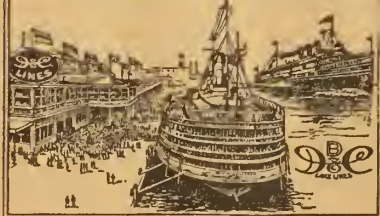
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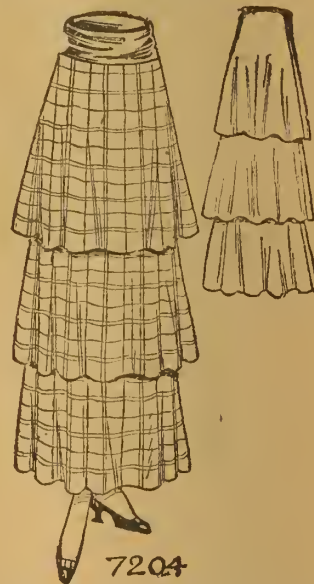
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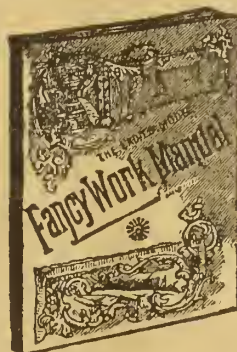
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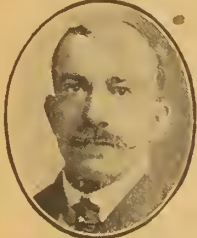
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Vegetable Relish—One quart of sweet corn cut from the cob when cooked, half a peck of string beans, two quarts of lima beans, two quarts of vinegar, one dozen cucumber pickles cut fine, one pound of white sugar, half a pound of yellow mustard seed, two tablespoonfuls of salt. Cook the beans and corn separately until tender, then mix all the ingredients together and boil fifteen minutes. Seal in glass fruit jars boiling hot.

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Green Peas with Dumplings—Shell the peas when ready to use, have enough boiling water to float them, and boil rapidly for twenty minutes; when almost done add dumplings, cook covered ten minutes, remove the peas to a dish and surround with the dumplings; dress all with some melted butter, a little powdered sugar, salt and pepper, and serve hot.

Tomato Sauce—Put one pint of tomatoes in a sauce pan; add one piece of a bay leaf, a slice of onion, a small blade of mace, four whole cloves and a sprig of parsley. Place over the fire and simmer for fifteen minutes. Then strain. Melt one rounded tablespoonful of butter, add one rounded tablespoonful of flour and one cupful of the tomato juice. Stir and cook until it comes to the boiling point. Add half a teaspoonful of salt and a dash of cayenne. Ripe or canned tomatoes can be used.

Fresh String Beans with Butter—Break the blossom end, pull it backward to remove the string, and trim off the thin strips from the other end of a quart of fresh, tender string beans. Thoroughly wash in cold water and let stand in the water for ten minutes, drain, then plunge in two quarts of boiling water with a teaspoonful of salt, and boil forty minutes. Drain on a sieve, replace in the sauce pan, adding one tablespoonful of good butter, one-half teaspoonful of salt and three saltspoonfuls of pepper, mix well, and when thoroughly heated, serve.

Blackberry Custard—Beat up three eggs, then stir into them two cupfuls of boiling milk. Add half a cupful of cream. Put half a pound of blackberries on to stew, just covering them with water and adding sufficient sugar to sweeten them. When soft, pour the fruit into a buttered pudding dish. Keep back some of the juice if there is a great deal. When cold, pour in the custard and bake in a slow oven. When ready remove it from the oven and allow it to cool. Pour on the top a little of the strained juice, and cover with crushed macaroons. Decorate the top with whipped cream.

Plain Chicken Pie—Singe and clean a four-pound chicken, tie it in shape, put it in a kettle on a trivet and half cover with boiling water, slightly salted. Let it simmer until it will separate at the joints. Cut it in convenient pieces, remove the large bones and arrange it in a deep dish. Take one cupful of liquor, remove the fat, add one cupful of cream, and make a white sauce by stirring this liquor into one rounding tablespoonful each of butter and flour cooked together. Season with celery salt and paprika. Mix one cupful of solid oysters in among the chicken, pour on the sauce and cover with a rich baking-powder biscuit dough.

Steamed Blueberry Pudding—Mix and sift two cupfuls of flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful of salt; then work in two tablespoonfuls of butter, using the tips of the fingers. Add one cupful of milk, and one cupful of blueberries rolled in flour. Turn into a buttered mold, cover, and let steam one and one-half hours. Serve with quality sauce: Cream one-fourth cupful of butter, and add gradually, while beating constantly, one-half cupful of powdered sugar; then add two tablespoonfuls of milk, very slowly, and one-fourth teaspoonful of vanilla. Put the bowl containing the sauce in a sauce pan of boiling water, set on the range, and stir constantly until the ingredients are perfectly blended, when the sauce will be creamy in consistency.

Cherry Pudding—One-half cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, one egg, one cupful of water, one teaspoonful of baking powder and one cupful of flour. Put two spoonfuls of batter in a cup, then two or three tablespoonfuls of cherries (having all the juice drained off); then cover the cherries with more batter, place the cups in a steamer and steam until done (about one hour). This will make six large cupfuls.

Sauce—One cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of butter; mix well, then take one tablespoonful of flour and mix with a little cold water. Add one pint of boiling water to the flour and water, then add to the sugar and butter, and cook. Flavor with vanilla; or, if liked, in place of vanilla add one-half cupful of maple syrup. (This is very nice).



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Not only did she save Mr. Anderson but she stopped the drinking of her brother and several of her neighbors as well. All this she accomplished by simple home treatment which she now desires every man and woman who has a relative or friend who drinks, to know all about, for she feels that others can do just as she did.

The treatment can be given secretly if desired and without cost, she will gladly and willingly tell what it is. Therefore every reader of this notice who is interested in curing a dear one of drinking should write to Mrs. Anderson at once. Her reply will come by return mail in a sealed envelope. She does this gladly in hopes that others will be benefited as she was. One thing she asks however, and that is that you do not send money for she has nothing to sell. Simply address your letter with all confidence, to Mrs. Margaret Anderson at the address given above and she will reply by return mail in a sealed envelope.



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A heart that is glad when your heart is gay,
And true in the time of cares;
That halves the trials of a fretful day
And doubles the joys that it shares.

A heart that can cheer your heart with its song,
And comfort your hour of need;
A heart that is brave and faithful and strong,
Whenever misfortune may lead.

A heart that is yours when the way seems dark,
And yours in sunshine, too;
A heart that cares not for rank or mark,
But only the heart of you.

A heart that will shield when others abuse,
The name that it knows is clear,
That would rather miss fortune and fame than lose
The love of a friend that is dear.

A heart that will hear no ill of you,
But is ever quick to defend;
A heart that is always true, steel true—
Such is the heart of a friend.—Ex.

Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever
on the throne—
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind
the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch
above His own.
—James Russell Lowell.

"IT'S BETTER HIGHER UP."

Not long ago there lived an old bed-ridden saint, and a Christian lady who visited her found her always very cheerful. This visitor had a lady friend of wealth, who constantly looked on the dark side of things, and was always cast down, although she was a professed Christian. The visitor thought it would do this lady good to see the bed-ridden saint. She lived in a garret five stories up, and when they got to the first story the lady drew her dress around her and said, "How dark it is." "It's better higher up," said her friend. At every landing this was repeated. At last they got to the sick room, and when they went in there was a nice carpet on the floor, flowering plants in the window and a little bird singing. And there they found the bed-ridden saint just beaming with joy. The lady said to her, "It must be hard for you to lie here?" The invalid smiled sweetly and replied, "It's better higher up." That was a lesson the wealthy lady never forgot. When all

things appear to go against us, let us remember that "it's better higher up."—Ex.

Just where you stand in the conflict,
There is your place.
Just where you think you are useless,
Hide not your face.
God placed you there for a purpose,
Whate'er it may be;
Think he has chosen you for it,
Then walk loyally.

Dear friends, with these beautiful thoughts we leave you to meditate upon them instead of leaving our own usual thoughts with you for the month. We can only explain this by saying we are trying to bear up through the strain of watching our dear mother gradually growing weaker, and we know she cannot be with us long. And through the advice of our physician we must rest in order to regain strength which has been going all winter and spring. We only tell you this to tell you to be patient with us until we are able to write as usual, for even now we are doing this much against the advice of our physician, and may have to give up the work entirely unless we improve, so please bear with us and pray for us to be given the needed strength to keep the Sunshine Work before the public. It has been eight years of happy work for us in trying to spread cheer among our shut-ins, yet the pitiful letters from shut-ins who are so helpless and needy have been a source of worry to us because we are unable to send money for relief. We beg of each one to write as briefly as possible when writing to us, and to please not expect an answer unless it is very important, for we are not able to write. Our condition is very serious and must be treated by resting both mind and body. If any one wishes to form a Sunshine Club, please write to Headquarters to Mrs. Cynthia Alden, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City. She can answer any questions relating to the Sunshine Work. All reports of the Sunshine Branches should be sent direct to her. Send your subscriptions for The Household Journal direct to The Household Journal Company, Springfield, Ohio.

SUNSHINE REPORT OF AMSDEN BRANCH.

The following yearly report should have been printed sooner, but could not for lack of space. It is a fine one and we want our readers to see what a good work this splendid Branch is doing.

From January, 1914, to January, 1915: 237 bouquets, 49 of which were at church; 258 cards, 84 of which were to Cheer Column of The Household Journal and 18 to Cheer of Bulletin; 199 visits to sick; 143 books loaned; 21 letters of sympathy and 8 cards of sympathy; 85 cents for flowers; 44 letters of cheer; \$16.07 cheer money; 16 yards of material for dresses; one year's subscription to Ladies' Home Journal; 50 cents' worth of silk thread; one roll of velvet pieces; magazines; 12 glasses of jelly; dainties; Easter gifts for two little girls; flowers for funeral; 4 packages to Wonder Bag for shut-in; 10 plants; helped those in sorrow twice; Wonder Bag containing 50 packages for one shut-in; two helped take care of sick; material for an old lady for underclothes; two boxes of stationery; one box of candy; one bundle of clothing; mittens, handkerchiefs and other things. The following were sent to the Cheer Column of The Household Journal: 7 handkerchiefs; goods for one dress; one pair of gloves; two washcloths; one collar and cuff set; one book; one spool of thread; one dozen buttons; two hair ribbons; two towels; three yards of muslin; six boxes of candy; three bags; 19 cards; two packages of silk pieces; two packages of silk and calico pieces; four packages of pictures; four packages of reading; two booklets; two packages of papers; four letters; one box of cocoa; 37 cents in stamps; one dress skirt; two dresses; three undershirts; four pair of drawers; one undershirt; one pair of stockings; one cap; one pair of slippers; one coat, and embroidery. The following were sent to the Cheer Column of Bulletin: Two boxes of stationery; one package of silk and calico pieces; 28 cards; two handkerchiefs; four boxes of candy; one game; two packages of reading;

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WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

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Cheer has been asked for a wee tot 10 years old, who is deformed and crippled. Send pretty cards, cheery letters or toys or games. Address Master Raymond Lyte, care of Miss Esther Levy, Box 314, Cornwall, N. Y.

A wee girl of six would enjoy "sunshine." A doll or picture book would make her very happy, and some pretty post cards, too. Address Viola Dayton, care of Miss Gladys Dayton, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Mrs. Laura Campbell, 2117 Greenwood Street, Harrisburg, Pa., has suffered two years with a cancer. Any cheery letter or card would mean much to her in her sad condition. Send to her at once, for she is very low.

Miss Annie M. Morris, 325 West Pitt Street, Bedford, Pa., will be 45 years old June 16th. She asks for a letter party on her birthday. She has been helpless for twenty-seven years. Is cared for by a sister, who has rheumatism. Miss Morris, while a great sufferer from complication of troubles, tries to earn a living by doing fancy work and crochet work, though far from able. She spent all last winter in a cold room without any fire, because she could not have fuel. A dime shower for this sufferer would bring great rejoicing. A stamp sent to her for prices of her work would be appreciated. Give her an order.

Do not forget Mrs. Anna Carr, of Diagonal, Iowa. She has been helpless for years from the worst form of arthritis deformans, not able to move or use a muscle of her body save those of her head and face. Mrs. Carr is the brightest spiritual light in her community, an inspiration to all the churches and pastors, and many seekers after the Savior have found Him at her bedside. For material support she is dependent upon the help of God's people. Her compositions have been published for some time at her own expense, with the help of friends, and cast abroad with the prayer that many who read them will be led to trust in the Savior under all circumstances of life. We hope to print some of these compositions from time to time and help others. Be sure to put her name on your list.

APPRECIATION.

The following was received from Mrs. A. R. Perham, of Wilton, N. H.: "The notice of my cards which was printed in the 'Sunshine Corner' of The Household Journal brought me orders from many states. All orders received were promptly filled and cards sent. I wish to thank all who helped me."

Miss Ida M. Newton, 60 Catherine Street, Albany, N. Y., writes to thank all Sunshine friends for past kindness and wishes they would not forget her on her birthday, June 24th. Her mother, who is quite feeble, is not able to work as she has in the past, and she worries because of this. They live in a basement and of course this is not the best place for an invalid. It is too bad they are not able to have sunny rooms.

Mrs. P. A. Crook, formerly of Spies, N. C., now of Sanford, N. C., wishes to express her deep gratitude to the Sunshine friends for the dime shower—\$5.80, including a box of dimes from "friends" for February 22nd. It was indeed helpful to her and she appreciated the kindness so much. She also received some letters that were very cheering to her, and recently received some tracts which she enjoyed reading and "passing on to others."

Mrs. Carrie Mead, of Waupaca, Wis., is so thankful for every ray of "sunshine" sent her way. She hopes many will send her orders for her work. She asked for a birthday party on May 15th, but the letter came too late for the May issue, so we are going to ask that all remember her June 15th. She is an invalid, living alone, suffers from bad nerves, stomach and spinal trouble, and gets very despondent. She has a number of Christian Heralds she will be glad to send to some one if postage is sent to her for them. She surely needs all the cheer she can get. Do not forget her.

GIEVE FUND.

We have sent Mr. and Mrs. Gieve for the mortgage. Gieve-Strickland Fund \$115 for the mortgage. A letter from this worthy couple thanks each one for the great help. They appreciate this kindness very much. Both are quite ill. This worthy couple should not be forgotten by our Sunshiners. Here is their address, so any further amount may be sent direct to them: Mrs. Sadie M. Gieve, Lake Bay, Wash., Box 10A.

We sent Mrs. Strickland out of the Gieve-Strickland Fund \$50. Every one who sent mentioned how they wished the money to go, and we divided according to their wishes. So the total amount for both was \$165. We thank

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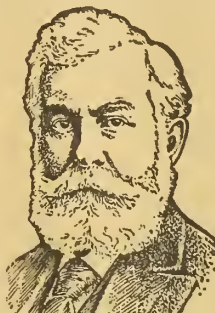
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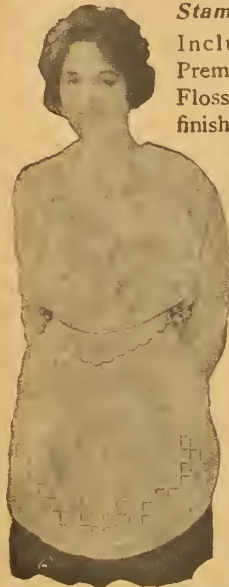
ARTICLES FOR SALE.

Miss M. E. Rogers, of Sanford, N. C., asks us to please print her list of articles which she makes to sell. Miss Rogers contracted rheumatism when two years old, and has been nearly helpless all her life. She is 64 years old. Has not had either hand to her head for thirty years. She is very grateful for orders, for it helps toward her support. The following things she prices for sale: Men's slippers, \$1.60; women's crocheted slippers, \$1.35; shawls, long, square or circular, \$2.50 and up—the cheapest one yard square; baby afghans, \$2.50; baby sacques, \$1.50 and up; baby caps, \$1.00. Table doilies, tray covers, centerpieces and other articles she will price after she does the work, and if it is not satisfactory, customers can pay less.

WANTED—A RELIABLE NURSE.

A lady who is strong, kind-hearted and in good health is wanted to care for an aged invalid mother. A woman of German descent and one from the Northern states is preferred. A person with little experience in caring for the sick will do. If any one knows of such a person, please write to Mrs. E. L. Pitman, Blackshear, Ga., and send references.

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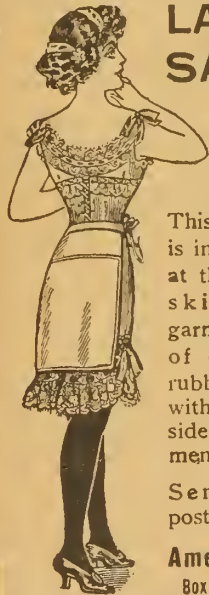


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Household Helps

Edited by Aunt Jane.

IN A GLASS HOUSE.

They've got a glass house in the garden.
A little house out in the sun;
I watched while the gardener built it
Until it was finally done.

Now, what do you think it was made for?
I do not believe that you know;
But I do. Now isn't it funny?
'Tis to hurry the flowers to grow!

And I'm sure that it does, for the pansies
Have blossomed as full as can be,
And there isn't a flower in the garden
And scarcely a leaf on a tree.

So I've wondered and wondered a long time—
Please answer me this, if you can:
Do you think if I lived in one like it
I should hurry and grow to a man?
—Agnes M. Lewis.

POT ROAST OF VEAL.

This is one of the nicest ways of cooking this meat. Get two or three pounds of loin of veal. Bone it neatly or get the butcher to do it. The bone can be used for stock. Make a stuffing of a quarter of a pound of bread crumbs, two tablespoonfuls of butter, a teaspoonful of meat extract, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, pepper to taste and a very little salt. Bind this together with a beaten egg and fill the space made by the removal of the bone. Sew in a neat round shape and flour the meat all over. Put a heaping tablespoonful of butter into a sauce pan, let it get hot and fry one or two slices of bacon in it slightly. Lift these out, and when the fat is smoking hot put in the veal. Brown it slightly all over, then put in the bacon at the sides; put on the lid tightly and let cook very gently. Look at it now and again and brown every part well. One or two small onions can be added if the flavor is liked. When it has cooked for an hour, add a cupful of water or stock and simmer in the same way for another hour. Then lift out the meat and keep hot while you prepare the gravy. Put a small teaspoonful of cornstarch in a cup, moisten it with water, and add a teaspoonful of meat extract. Pour this in the pan, stir up all the browning, let it boil up once, then season and pour over the meat. This sauce is delicious, for, besides the delicate flavor of the veal, it has the richness and strengthening qualities of mature meat. The bacon supplies a want, as there is usually little or no fat about veal. Garnish with force-meat balls and cut lemon.

WHIPPED CREAM.

Some think this is a dish only for aristocrats. Mistaken, my friend; it is not any more expensive than the natural cream that so many use on the table every day. It is a delicious sauce for many kinds of pudding, and for cake that is becoming dry. It makes a dainty dish for convalescents in some diseases, if used with crackers, one that relishes, tastes good, and more than anything else, it looks so tempting and dainty, and looks is everything to an invalid's appetite; please always bear that idea in your mind when waiting on the sick.

In making whipped cream, be sure to cool the cream below churning temperature (which ranges from 64 degrees to 70 degrees Fahrenheit), or you may get a dish of butter on hand, and the cooler, the quicker it becomes thick; only don't freeze it, of course. To a coffee-cupful of cream add the whites of two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and a little flavoring extract. Beat all together; a regular

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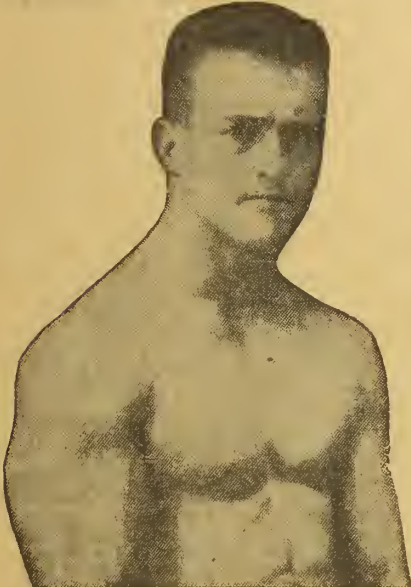
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CARE OF THE SEWING MACHINE.

Many women have automobiles and understand their mechanism, who think themselves incapable of adjusting the simple machinery of their sewing machine. If a sewing machine is to run well it must be properly cared for.

Clean it frequently, using a stiff bristled paint brush about a half inch in width. Brush all parts of the machinery, especially under the feed and around the shuttle, to remove all lint and dust. Have a little kerosene in a cup, dip the brush into the kerosene and go over the machine, getting into all the crevices, then wipe all parts with a cloth. Sometimes when a machine is quite old you will find it has become "gummed up" in behind the shuttle race. This may be relieved by taking out the shuttle case and brushing the exposed parts with kerosene.

After cleaning, oil the machine by dropping a good quality of machine oil, from the small oil can belonging to the machine, into the holes which are on the surface and onto all parts of the mechanism, where one piece of machinery rubs against another. A machine in constant use should be oiled every other day. The kerosene need be used only occasionally.

When a new machine is purchased, it is well to have the dealer explain it to you thoroughly and if possible take it apart and put it together again for you, so you may understand exactly how it works. Also study carefully the book of directions, and after a little practice you will be able to remedy almost any defect of your sewing machine.—Hazel Emigh, Colorado Agr. College.

TO AVOID STOOPING.

Many growing young folks, especially those tall for their age, are inclined to stoop, and well-meaning persons often advocate the use of braces or shoulder straps as a means of correcting the tendency. The braces may force an upright carriage, but they do not give the wearer any means of maintaining it, since they prevent the exercise of those muscles which should be trained to produce an erect figure. Any exercise which strengthens the muscles of the back and shoulders will aid in correcting this defect. Old-fashioned mothers use to drill their stooping daughters to walk with a plate carried on their heads, and this is really a good practice. High pillows and very soft mattresses are blamed as an aid in producing this defect, and without doubt a flat, rather hard bed, with low pillow, is preferable for growing children. A stooping, awkward walk detracts very much from the appearance.

CANNING PEAS.

Shell peas and pack closely in cans. Add to each quart one teaspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of sugar dissolved in a little water. Fill jars with water. Put on the cover, set the jars in a boiler on a rack and fill the boiler with water enough to come up three or four inches on the jars, and boil three hours. Put in boiling water if needed to keep the water three or four inches deep. After boiling three hours fasten the tops and rubbers. Seal tightly. Cool slowly in the boiler.

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But you could send your child to see
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How to remove fruit stains

Whenever I find a fruit stain on tablecloths or napkins, I wet it with a little camphor. If this is done before the stain has been wet with water, the stain will entirely disappear when the articles are laundered.

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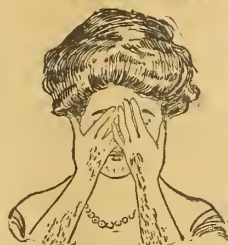
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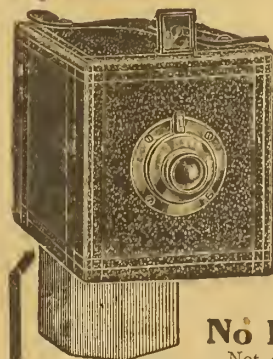
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A Jealous Doctor

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close to the window, a book in her lap, though she was not reading, when Doctor Hunter made his morning call on his way to the upper village; for this hillside home had a village on either hand, and overlooked them both.

A faint flush, like the pink of the apple blossoms beside her, tinged her pale face as he entered. But he was not looking. He stood a moment by her chair, making some inquiry in a professional way, then wandered over to the stand, restlessly arranging the vials there.

"You are so much better I think you may go downstairs tomorrow, if you avoid drafts and are careful."

Then he gave some directions about food and medicine, not even glancing in her direction.

"There will be no need of my calling again, I suppose, unless you are careless and catch cold; in that case, you know where to find me."

They looked into each other's eyes in a dumb sort of agony, their faces white as the cherry blooms outside. Then in an excited voice scarcely above a whisper, it was so tense, he said:

"Garry, we cannot go on like this. The sight of your face, the sound of your voice, the touch of your hand madden me. I am not myself," in a hoarse voice. "Oh, God! how have I ever lived these weeks and months without you, my darling, my darling still, in spite of everything! How can you sit there so calmly, the very embodiment of peace? Speak to me, look at me, and calm this hell in my heart, you white, beautiful thing!" seizing her hands fiercely, then as fiercely throwing them from him.

"I can sit here so calmly," she said at last, a proud light in her eyes, "because I bore all there was to bear in those first days and weeks, when you left me without a single word of explanation, to live or die as I could. It nearly killed me. Life can hold nothing harder to bear; this is bliss in comparison."

"And do you mean to say that for a year you have been believing that it was only some whim of mine that separated us, some jealous spite, which I held against you for your punishment and my own gratification? A queer kind, certainly," with a grim laugh, "a kind that turns the hair gray and transforms a man into a cynic. I could not die; my health was too perfect; but," shudderingly, "I came near killing myself. Here, read that, since you do not know," and he tossed a crumpled letter into her lap. "There is an asp I have carried in my bosom, that has bitten, stung and goaded me all these wretched months. Whenever I was tempted to believe you guiltless, the sight of that accursed thing made it impossible."

She read it while he stood watching her, rigid as marble. The faint color died out of her face and dark circles came beneath her eyes as she looked up at last.

"And you believed that of me, Donald, you who were almost my husband; you with your nice sense of honor—and your generous heart could believe that infamous falsehood!"

"Wait—you forget the scene in the summer house."

"No, I do not forget," she said, with an old slow smile, "that when Jack Mon-

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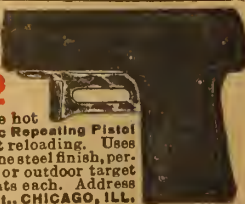
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tague seized my hands so roughly in the summer house that night, and bent down to hiss in my ear, 'By heaven, if I cannot have you, Doctor Hunter shall not!' you came in at the door. I called your name, you remember, but you did not come back."

"He asked you to marry him?" fiercely clutching the back of her chair, as though it were Jack Montague's neck.

"Yes, that much of his letter is true. It was only when I told him I believed I hated him that he caught my hands. I did not mention your name once during the interview."

"But," with a quick-drawn breath, "that other—Leslie Vane—he died; I read it in the paper afterward."

"Hush," she said, with a sob in her voice. "Do not mention his name in the same breath with Jack Montague's. Yes, poor boy, he died, but I did not kill him, Donald. Here," reaching for her desk with trembling fingers, "read my letter, now; it will explain part of your own better than I can."

Darling Garry!—Let me call you so once; it can harm nobody, for when this reaches you I shall be in eternity. Only God knows how I have prayed to get well since I came home, just to live in the same sweet world with you. But I cannot, oh, I cannot! For two years I have been a doomed man.

Do you remember that sweet day in the garden last summer, when you sat by the hammock, where I idly swung, with your sewing? Mother had gone indoors for something, and stretching out my hand, I dared to touch your glorious hair and tell you how I loved you. Ah, but it was worth half a life just to see your startled blush, to feel your loving pity for my pain, and to gain your shy, sweet confidence of that other for whom you cared. Thank God it was Hunter, and not Jack Montague, as I at first feared. Hunter is a grand fellow, so true and strong. I used to love to watch his matchless figure. I can leave you with him and die content—and in that land where spirits go I will be your guardian angel, yours and his. Kiss me, my glorious darling, across all the distance. The light of your gleaming hair shines across my pillow as I go. Good-by, dear love, the very last good-by of Leslie Vane.

"Garry," bending low over her, "Garry, my own darling, does it mean at last—"

"It means, doubter," she said, putting up her slim hands and drawing his face close to hers, "that I am not a flirt, in spite of the gossips and your own incredulous heart; and that I never have loved and never can love but one man, Donald Fairfax Hunter."

NOT MUCH OF A MAN.

At the moment when we are most deeply convinced of our own importance, it may be that the spectator who should be admiring us is animated by quite a different feeling. It was a western engineer who told the following story of himself:

One day our train stopped at a small station in Indiana, and I observed two green-looking countrymen in "homespun" curiously inspecting the locomotive, and occasionally giving vent to expressions of astonishment. Finally one of them approached and said:

"Stranger, are this ere thing a injine?"

"Certainly. Did you ever see one before?"

"No, never see one o' the critters afore. Me an' Bill here comed down t' the station purpose to see one. That's the b'iler, ain't it?"

"Yes, that is the boiler."

"What do you call that place you are in?"

"This we call a cab."

"An' this big wheel—what's this fur?"

"That's the driving wheel."

"That big thing on top I s'pose is the chimbley?"

"Precisely."

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STOP USING A TRUSS

Yes, stop it, you know by your own experience it is only a makeshift, a false prop against a collapsing wall, and that it is undermining your health because it tends to retard the circulation of the blood. Why, then, continue to wear it? Here is a better way, which you can now prove for yourself, free of charge.

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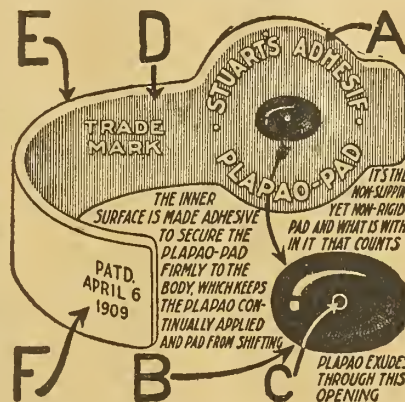
A striking feature of the Plapao-Pad treatment is the comparatively short time it takes to get results.

This is because the action is continuous—night and day, throughout the whole of the 24 hours.

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THE PLAPAO-PAD EXPLAINED

The principle upon which the Plapao-Pad works can be easily figured out by noting the accompanying illustration, and reading the following explanation:



The PLAPAO-PAD is made of a strong flexible material "E," which is designed to conform to the movements of the body, and be perfectly comfortable to wear. Its inside surface is adhesive (similar to, yet quite different from an adhesive plaster)—to prevent the Pad "B" from shifting and getting out of place.

"A" is the enlarged end of the PLAPAO-PAD, which overlies the atrophied and weakened muscles to keep them from giving away further.

"B" is the properly shaped Pad, to be applied in such a way that it blocks up the hernial orifice, and tends to prevent the contents of the abdomen from protruding. Within the Pad is a reservoir. In this reservoir there is placed a wonderful absorbent-astringent medication. As soon as this medication is warmed by the heat of the body it becomes soluble and escapes through the small opening marked "C" and is absorbed through the pores of the skin to strengthen the weakened muscles and effect a closure of the openings.

"F" is the long end of the PLAPAO-PAD which is to be plastered over the hipbone—a part of the framework of the

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"Be you the engineer what runs this machine?"

"I am," I replied, with self-complacency.

He eyed me closely for a moment, then, turning to his companion, said:

"Bill, I don't take much of a man to be an engineer, do it?"

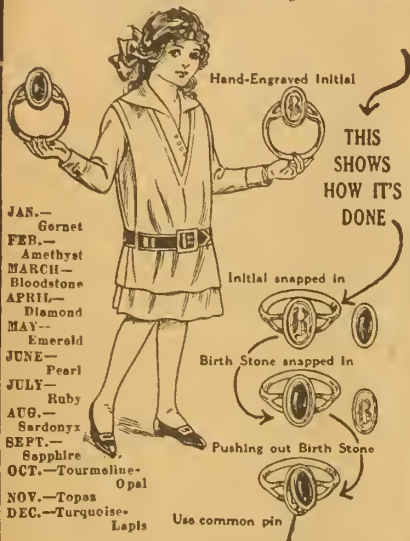
SAGACITY IN HORSES.

One morning a great noise in a stable in England attracted the attention of a maidservant, who was in the yard outside, and thinking something wrong might be going on, she looked in at the door, and saw that one of the horses had made its way out of its own loose box, the door of which was unfastened, and found out

a bucket of mash which was standing in the entrance of the stable, and taking the opportunity while the coachman was in the loft overhead, he was helping himself freely to its contents. The other horse, who was fastened to his own loose box, caught sight of his friend's proceedings, and neighed loudly, evidently demanding a share for himself; and the servant was astonished to see the horse who was enjoying himself, fill his mouth with the mash, and poke his nose through the bars of the loose box for his friend to take it from his mouth. This was done several times. The horse that was fed by his friend had been known on former occasions to push over the remainder of his hay into his companion's rack when that had been emptied before his own.

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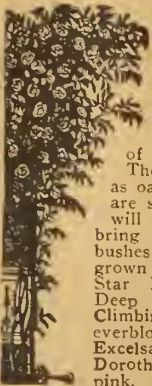
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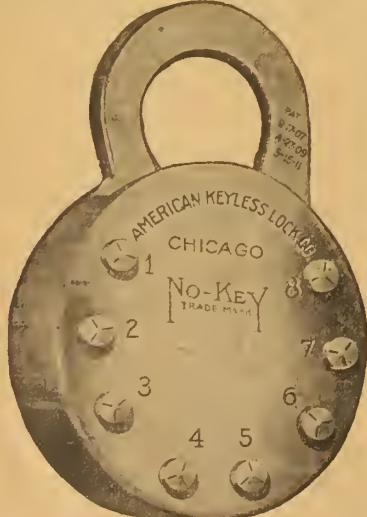
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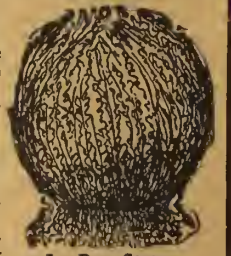
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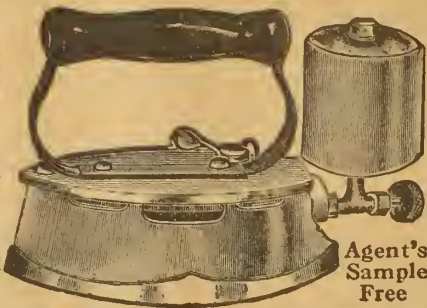
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"He was born on the first of the month."

O'Brien—"O! can say wan thing—O!m a self-made man."
Casey—"Is it boastin' ye are or apologizin'?"

Counsel for the Defense—"But did you not tell the prisoner that you doubted his veracity?"
Rustic Prosecutor—"Nothin' o' the kind. O! merely told him 'e was a awful liar."

Mrs. Waring—"What language do the Belgians use, Paul?"

Mr. Waring—"I don't know, but I know what language I'd use if I were a Belgian!"

Housewife—"Did Mrs. Jiggs give you any references?"

Applicant—"Yes, mum. She said if I could get along with you for ten minutes I'd be a wonder."

"Can I git off today, boss?"

"What for?"

"A weddin'."

"Do you have to go?"

"I'd like to, sir—I'm the bridegroom."

Questioner—"Who was the shortest man named in the Bible?"

Sharp Boy—"It was Knee-high-mi-ah."

Questioner—"Wrong, as usual. It was Bil-dad, the Shuhite."

The Spinster—"How many Masonic lodges did you say your husband belonged to?"

The Wife—"Fifteen."

The Spinster—"My goodness! Just think of a man being out fifteen nights a week! I'm glad I'm an old maid!"

A Scottish student, supposed to be deficient in judgment, was asked by a professor, in the course of his examination, how he would discover a fool.

"By the questions he would ask," was the prompt and highly suggestive reply.

Spurgeon was once asked if the man who learned to play a cornet on Sunday would go to heaven.

The great preacher's reply was characteristic. Said he, "I don't see why he should not, but"—after a pause—"I doubt whether the man next door will."

Two gentlemen were discussing the eloquence of a well-known orator.

"You ought to hear him," said one.

"I did hear him," replied the other. "I listened to him speak for two hours."

"What was he talking about?"

"I don't know; he didn't say."

Helen—"Why, I never could marry that man!"

Hazel—"Mercy! Why not?"

Helen—"Why, he wears a wig!"

And then the dear creature took off a rat, some puffs, a coronet, a braid, a pompadour and a switch, and sat down to peruse a novel.

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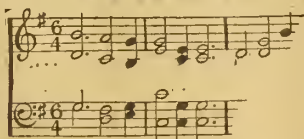
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Sham What a lot of sham there is in life. Some people starve themselves in order to make a show in the home or in their dress. There are people whose parlors are too nice for their own families. No one but "company" can sit in the best room. There are those who will, in order to give a "swell reception" or a special dinner, do things or leave things undone which are almost criminal. Oh, the sham of it all! And when we find a young lady who has not yet been tainted by the deceits of life and the shams of society, how we are attracted toward her. Everybody loves such an one. Her life is as beautiful and wholesome and fragrant as the water lily.

Mistaken Martyrdom

The wife and mother who takes up her daily cares with a dogged resolution to do or die, is very apt to do and die long before such a crisis is due in the natural course of events. Such home-keepers are exceedingly uncomfortable to themselves and everybody else. There is enough to be done in a legitimate way, without courting "extras" or hugging with fond devotion an excess of doing until every nerve is strained beyond endurance.

Overwork is not of itself so important, but it brings in its train such prostration of brain power as to banish rest when rest is sought. "Too tired to sleep" is the plaint of fretful Mrs. Wrestling, and when she awakens there is no blithe spring of muscle or mind. The measure of every woman's daily tasks is coeval with the measure and aim of her ambition. If mere comfort and peace are her incentives, she will find the way healthful and compensating all along the line. But if competition with her neighbor is her main-spring, her atmosphere will be full of excitement, her responsibilities tremendous, and the strain upon her faculties excessive.

Kind Words

Every one knows that kind words are much more pleasant to listen to than cross ones, but too often they fail to express our feelings, when our mental horizon is cloudy and lowering, and like nature, we feel that the atmosphere around us needs a few shocks to clear it up. Still, as sunshine is always much more pleasant than storm out of doors, so kind words are like sunshine within; and a liberal use of that form of sunshine, if well invested, will prove an unailing source of happiness. If we speak a kind word to the little child, it looks up and smiles. If we speak kindly to the aged, it warms their poor old hearts, and cheers them up, for "Verily, a merry heart doeth good like a medicine." It is just as easy to say something cruel and ill-natured, and if, as is often the case, when your words happen to be carried to their ears, their feelings toward you will invariably change in a tenfold ratio, in whichever way our own words pointed the way. It is impossible to feel otherwise than kindly toward those who have spoken kindly of you, and quite as impossible for any one, unless a veritable saint, to feel other than a feeling of resentment when hearing themselves abused or slandered; and if one would only think for a moment, he could always find some good thing to say even of an enemy, and who knows what the effect might be?

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A Hasty Dinner That Led to a Wedding

By LIZZIE CLARK HARDY

"GOODNESS gracious! Joel Simpkins, I want to know if you can tell me what won't happen next time? Berrie! Berrie! come down here this minnit!"

The small boy who had brought the mail from the little town six miles away on the Kansas prairie had gone whistling down the road, and Mrs. Simpkins held the open letter in her hand, with a look of consternation on her motherly face.

"What is it, Prudence? What has happened now? Though nothin' couldn't happen to make things any worse than they are jest at present."

The sound of a light footfall on the stair, and a slender, flower-faced girl with long-lashed brown eyes, and a crop of dark, wavy hair gathered in a knot at the back of her shapely head, stepped into the room.

"What is it, auntie?" she questioned, glancing from the open letter to her aunt's troubled face.

Aunt Prue adjusted her glasses.

"I want you to hear this, Bernice Blaine, and then tell me, if you can, what we be goin' to do?" Then she read, slowly:

My Dear Aunt Prue:—I shall be passing through Logan on the eighteenth, and I mean to stop over and take dinner with you and Uncle Joel. My appetite is something wonderful, but if your pumpkin pie and plum pudding are what they were in days lang syne, you will need to have a good supply on hand. Can only stop over one train. Business trip to Denver.

Yours lovingly,

Hugh Courtney.

"Hugh! Hugh Courtney comin' to see us! The land sake, Prudence! won't you be glad to see a face from old York state once more?" And Uncle Joel carefully moved his rheumatic limb to an easier position, and settled back in his comfortable easy chair.

"Now, Berrie, I want to ask you if that ain't jest for all the world like a man. He'll be glad to see Hugh, and so shall I, bless his dear heart! And that's all he thinks or cares, and here we be taken by surprise, and for the first time in our mortal lives, Berrie, without a single, solitary thing in the house to eat but pork, potatoes and flour. What shall we do, Berrie? I shall be mortified to death, I know I shall."

Berrie smiled reassuringly over at Uncle Joel, and then asked:

"And who is this wonderful Hugh Courtney that his coming should upset you so much, auntie?"

"He's your Uncle Joel's sister's son. She married one of them rich Courtneys, and lives in New York City. They're awfully high-toned. When Hugh was a little fellow he used to come out and stay for weeks on the farm. He was a fine little chap, and I set great store by him then; but he's a grown man now—must be about twenty-five and most likely jest as stuck up as the rest of them Courtneys."

"I'll bet you don't find Hugh Courtney stuck up, not a little bit. He wa'n't built that way," said Uncle Joel, easily.

"Well, stuck up or not, he'll expect somethin' to eat. He don't know that you're laid up with rheumatiz and not able to do a hand's turn, nor't I'm jest about good for nothin' with this pesky sprained wrist, and t'ain't no ways likely he knows we've had a drought, and didn't raise a livin' thing to eat. Pumpkin pie, indeed! I'd admire to know where the pumpkin was to come from."

"And plum pudding, too, auntie. That's on the bill of fare, and we are six miles from a raisin."

"And not even a chicken, Berrie. I sold the last one yesterday, because we had nothin' to feed them."

"Well, well, Prudence, I wouldn't make sich a fuss; jest give Hugh the best we have an' I guess it will be all right."

CONSOLATION

O heart of mine, we shouldn't

Worry so!

What we've missed of calm we couldn't have,

You know!

What we've met of stormy pain,

And of sorrow's driving rain,

We can better meet again,

If it blow.

We have erred in that dark hour

We have known,

When our tears fell with the shower,

All alone.

Were not shrine and shadow blent

As the gracious Master meant?

Let us temper our content

With his own.

For, we know, not every morrow

Can be sad;

So, forgetting all the sorrow

We have had,

Let us fold away our fears,

And put by our foolish tears,

And thro' all the coming years

Just be glad.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Aunt Prue fairly groaned.

"And have your sister's folks think we're pooter'n Job's turkey? That's all the pride you've got, Joel Simpkins."

Berrie had been looking out of the window, with a little pucker between the straight black brows.

"Now, auntie," she said, brightly, "just leave it all to me, and I promise that your worthy nephew shall have a dinner fit for a king or a congressman, with never an inkling of the depressed state of our larder just at the present time; only let me have a little time to meditate," and she whisked out of the door, with a laugh.

The Simpkins were really well-to-do people, but a season of unusual disaster had reduced them to what seemed to them the direst poverty. They were childless, and when Mrs. Simpkins' brother, a minister, had died, leaving his motherless daughter alone in the world, they had gladly welcomed her to their home and hearts. Berrie was a graduate, a thor-

ough musician, and had been her father's housekeeper since her mother's death, two years previous.

The change had been a strange one to her—from an eastern city with its social privileges, where she had been a favorite in society, to the lonely Kansas farm—but she had bravely taken up life's burden, and for the past year she had taught the school in the Simpkins district.

"Behold the pumpkin pie, auntie!" said Berrie a few minutes later, holding out a pumpkin about as large as a billiard ball. "It's the sole and only one on the farm, and I've had it hidden away in the empty corner for a month, and here, Uncle Joel," showing a little paper sack, "is the seed beans; they, too, shall be sacrificed on the altar of hospitality. Now, auntie, let's take an inventory. Here is molasses, dried apples and half a dozen crackers, a handful of currants, and—yes, really, a quart of cranberries. We are rich indeed. The mince pie and plum pudding are an established fact, auntie mine."

Aunt Prue looked incredulous as Berrie darted to the door and called, "Johnnie, Johnnie Brown!" to a small boy going by with a gun on his shoulder, "are you going duck hunting, Johnnie?"

"Yes, Miss Berrie; they're thicker'n hair over on Turtle Lake now."

"Well, Johnnie, if you will bring me a pair of ducks this evening, I'll give you that copy of 'Robinson Crusoe' you were looking at the other day."

"All right, Miss Berrie; it's a bargain," said the delighted Johnnie.

Berrie beamed triumphantly on her relatives.

"Fate favors the valiant," she said, laughing. "Now listen to your prophetic niece. Tomorrow at ten o'clock the train bearing the great eastern potentate will arrive at Logan. He will hire a conveyance, and at eleven o'clock he will arrive at the Simpkins residence, to be received by his respected aunt and uncle in the purple and fine linen of former days, while your handmaiden prepares the feast of fat things in the kitchen. There will be roast duck with dressing—oh, my, auntie!—roast pork and cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes, pumpkin pie, mock mince pie that will pass for the real article, and plum pudding compounded of molasses, dried apples and currants, Parker House rolls, and coffee fit for the gods. Now, as the edibles are still in their natural state, you will permit me to at once assume the role of chef."

Then began the elaborate preparations. Berrie's previous experience as her father's housekeeper stood her in hand in the present emergency. Uncle Joel and Aunt Prue looked on in doubtful amazement, and assisted as much as their maimed condition would permit. In good time Johnnie presented himself with the ducks, and became the proud possessor of "Robinson Crusoe."

Aunt Prue's finest table linen was

brought forth, and Berrie added a few pieces of china that had been her mother's, and cut her choicest flowers to grace the occasion, and at eleven o'clock, as Berrie had predicted, a stalwart, broad-shouldered young man sprang from a light wagon at the door, kissed Aunt Prue on both cheeks, and shook Uncle Joel until his rheumatic limbs creaked in agony.

When he was seated in the front room, answering a perfect fusilade of questions from his delighted uncle, Aunt Prue slipped out to the kitchen.

"Oh, Berrie," she whispered, "he's just as nice as he can be! Has a sort of grand way about him, but not stuck-up-pish one bit. Now skip and put on your very prettiest dress. I'll tend to the dinner."

In due time dinner was announced, and in the dining room Hugh was introduced to Berrie, who stood by the table in a pretty cream gown, a bunch of scarlet geraniums in her bodice, and a little flush on her smooth, rounded cheek, looking as fresh and dainty as though a blazing cook stove and an improvised dinner were things to her unknown. Hugh Courtney could not conceal the admiration in his keen blue eyes. He had not thought to find so sweet and gracious a presence in the home of good, prosaic Uncle Joel and Aunt Prue.

He found, as the dinner progressed, that Berrie, aside from her bright and intelligent personality, was not lacking in social graces; and as Berrie decided that the eastern potentate, as she had laughingly styled him, was a very agreeable young man, their acquaintance progressed rapidly.

The dinner was pronounced a success. The ducks were done to a turn, the pumpkin pie was delicious, the mock mince rivaled the real article.

"Aunt Prue," said her nephew, "I used to think your plum puddings beat the world, but you have outdone yourself this time."

Aunt Prue answered graciously, and the dimples came and went in Berrie's rounded cheeks as Uncle Joel actually had the temerity to wink at her across the table.

After dinner Berrie played for Hugh on the piano—the one thing she had clung to when she migrated West—and then they sang some duets together, while the elderly people beamed on them through their glasses. Then, leaning on Hugh's strong arm, Uncle Joel hobbled out to take a look at the sun-burnt fields, and under the spice of his nephew's genial companionship told him all about the late drought, poor crops, and hard times in general, and even so far forgot Aunt Prue's injunctions as to reveal the secrets of Berrie's impromptu dinner, disclosing the true inwardness of the mince pie and plum pudding, and even how the ducks were obtained by the sacrifice of "Robinson Crusoe."

"What a good time they are havin'!" said unsuspecting Aunt Prue, as she heard the two men laughing together; "and Hugh has grown to be a fine man. Don't you think he is nice, Berrie?" and Berrie assented.

All too soon came the time of departure.

"I shall write when I get to Denver," said Hugh, "and on my way home I mean to stop over, and stay longer. That dinner, auntie, has only whetted my appetite for more."

"You can give Berrie credit for the dinner. I couldn't do much with my lame

wrist," answered Aunt Prue, discreetly.

"Oh, there's not much credit in getting a dinner when one has such an abundance to do with," retorted Berrie, carelessly.

Uncle Joel looked anxiously at Hugh, but that young man's look of bland innocence disarmed his fears, and after a lingering good-bye the visitor departed.

A letter came from Denver, but, strange to say, it was addressed to Berrie. Many others followed in its wake, and two months later, when Hugh came on, and stayed two weeks at the Simpkins ranch, he seemed to require so much of Berrie's time and attention that the heft of the

cooking fell upon Aunt Prue, who enjoyed it immensely. Now that Uncle Joel had sold a lot of stock to good advantage the larder was overflowing with good things, and she felt that Hugh could take a fairly good report of their condition to the folks back East.

But Aunt Prue and Uncle Joel were not blind to what was going on before their very eyes, and neither of them was in the least surprised when, six months later, a wedding dinner was prepared in the Simpkins homestead at which everything, the mince pie and plum pudding included, was the genuine article.

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Over the River of Drooping Eyes
In the beautiful land of Dreams,
There's horns to blow and drums to beat,
And plenty of candy and cakes to eat,
And no one ever cleans their feet,
And no one ever tries!
There's plenty of grassy places for play,
And birds and bees, they throng all the day—
Oh, wouldn't you like to go and stay
Over the River of Drooping Eyes,
In the beautiful land of Dreams?

Pay Envelope No. 9

By ALEXANDER DUNCAN

It was six o'clock on a dull Saturday evening in late September. Thick gray clouds filled the sky, and the smoke that poured from the sooty throats of the somber factory and mill chimneys hung close to the earth and made the atmosphere as impenetrable as a fog. From the great yards at the Mt. Clair Iron Works a long serpentine line wound slowly out, a line of tired, blackened men. Usually they poured from the foundry in a great black mass, but on Saturdays it was different. Saturday was pay day, and then the men must march slowly by the paymaster's little window and call out his number, receive the envelope containing his week's pay and march on out the gate. It was by means of this method that the timekeeper could keep tab on the many men under his charge.

Harvey Fleetwood was near the head of the line on this particular day. His young wife was very sick, and he was in a hurry to get home to her; so, in spite of the protests of the men, he pushed his way to the front until he was the fifth one from the head.

"Number Nine," he called, and in a moment received the envelope so numbered, was jostled on, and had soon hurried from the yard. Once outside the grounds and apart from the men he savagely tore the envelope open.

"Ten dollars, and here I owe the doctor that much for Molly's medicine. Then the kids need clothes and we have got to eat. What will I do if she does not get well?" he groaned, and took the money from the envelope. For a moment he stood amazed, then gave a long, low whistle, for there in his pay envelope were twenty dollars. He looked at the envelope. It was his, Number Nine. It was sealed when he got it, so the paymaster could not know that he had made a mistake. The money was his, and the doctor would be paid.

At first he could not believe his good fortune, but the two ten-dollar bills crinkled in his hand. It was true. His first impulse was to rush home and tell Molly, but, on second thought, he decided not to. Molly was peculiar; she would say the

money was not his, and would not rest until he had taken it back. Besides, the office was closed now, and he could not take it back until Monday morning even if he wanted to, which he did not.

Ordinarily Harvey would have decided to go to the paymaster and tell him of the mistake, but with so many bills to be paid and Molly so sick it seemed a godsend to him, and he resolved to keep the ten dollars and say nothing of it to the paymaster or to his wife. The doctor would be paid, and he would have his regular wages to keep them through the week. With this decision he satisfied himself.

Owing to a shortage of orders the men in the molding department had been told not to return until nine o'clock Monday morning, so the foundry was deserted at eight when the president of the company strode into the cashier's office. After greeting his subordinate, he said:

"Harrison threw up his place as foreman of the molding and casting department Saturday. He was getting too old for the work, so we will have to pension him. Been with us a long time, thirty years. That means promotion for some one in the department, and I cannot decide whom to put in."

"Have you no one in mind who is able to fill the position as well as Harrison did?" asked the cashier.

"Oh, there are several who can do the work, but that is not the question. We need some one thoroughly honest, as he will have the handling of all the orders, and a smart man could easily filch money from us by short-ordering and taking the difference between the order and the bill he gives us. I had in mind that young Fleetwood. He is a good worker, and seems to be honest. I have no way of telling if he is honest, for I will not abuse the confidence of my men by setting traps for them, and— Answer the telephone there, Watson."

When the cashier turned and hung up the receiver there was a smile on his face.

"You will not have to set a trap intentionally to test Harvey Fleetwood, and yet there will be one," he said.

"What do you mean?" The president rose from his chair as he asked this question.

"Carlton, the paymaster in the molding department, has just wired me that he inadvertently put ten dollars too much in Harvey Fleetwood's pay envelope Saturday night. Fleetwood is number nine, and Jones is nineteen. Jones worked overtime last week and made twenty dollars. Carlton put the same amount in number nine by mistake. He will not be here until Wednesday, and he has asked me to fix it up."

"You are right; that will be the test of Harvey Fleetwood's honesty and of his ability to fill the position left vacant by Harrison, for if he proves his worth in this matter I will give him the place."

"It is now ten minutes of nine," said the cashier. "You can remain here and see what he does. The men all come in by the large gate there, and we can see as soon as he enters if he is coming here."

The shrieking whistle now broke the silence and rendered further speech impossible. The continued tread of feet was heard, now and then a laugh or a few words as the men passed on their way to work. The two men in the room looked anxiously at the gate until it seemed that all the men were in. Then, as they were about to give up, Harvey Fleetwood walked in, and came at once toward the office.

Harvey had spent a miserable Sunday at the bedside of his wife. She had been too sick to notice that the usual cheery smile had left his face, and so the confession that she might have had from him was lost. The doctor had left word that no more medicine would be forthcoming until his bill was paid, and this made Harvey all the more determined to keep the ten dollars given to him by mistake the night before. Monday morning came, and he picked up his tools and lunch box to start to work. He went in to kiss his wife good-bye. She put her arms around his neck, and whispered:

"Never mind, Harvey, I will soon be well. I do not mind how poor we are so long as you are honest." With a sob he hurried from her bedside into the next room, took the ten dollars and replaced it in the envelope. He would be honest. He would trust to God; surely he would provide. Then he hastened to his work.

When he entered the gate he went straight to the office to tell the cashier of the mistake made in his envelope. He hesitated when he saw the president, but when he had nodded to him to proceed, he said:

"There was a mistake made in my pay envelope last week and I got ten dollars too much. Here it is, sir," and he laid it upon the desk.

"Keep it," returned the president. "You deserve it for your honesty; the mistake was ours." The astonished Harvey left the office. When he had gone the president said, with a satisfied smile:

"I think Harrison's place is filled."

Harvey hastened home that night with the ten dollars and the astonishing news that he was promoted to foreman and his salary doubled. The news acted better than a tonic, and Molly was soon her old self. It was then that he told of the pay envelope, and to hear her praise was ample reward for his honesty, together with the joy at receiving the new position. He was glad that he had not yielded to temptation.

"For little things are sweetest—
Little flowers, little birds,
Little diamonds, little pearls,
But the dearest things on earth
Are the little boys and girls."

SAINTLY FACES.

Sometimes, in passing through a crowd, we see a face that attracts us by its sweetness of expression. Perhaps it is an old face, crowned with a glory of hoary hairs; yet love, joy and peace shine out of every dot and wrinkle in it. Sometimes it is a young face that beams with health and purity and beauty. But whether old or young, when we see that unmistakable soul light in a face we know that the heart behind it is pure, the life good and that the body thus illumined is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Keep the mind occupied with good, pure, useful, beautiful and divine thoughts.

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AUTUMN-SOWN SEEDS.

Many of the hardy annuals bloom more satisfactorily when the seeds are sown in autumn than when sowing is deferred till spring. A portion of these should be sown early in autumn, so that the plants may get a fair start before winter. Others require to be sown late in the season, so that the seeds will lie dormant till spring. Of the former the poppy, larkspur, calliopsis, collinsia and seabiosa are among the most popular; of the latter the candytuft, nemophila, erysimum, portulaca, nigella and sweet pea may be mentioned. The soil in which these seeds are sown should be porous and well drained, otherwise the seeds are liable to decay during winter.

The reason these flowers do better from autumn-sown seeds is because they come into bloom earlier in the season, before the heated term arrives. Those who have grown candytuft and nemophila only from spring-sown seeds will be surprised at the beauty of a bed of those flowers sown in autumn. A trial of autumn sowing of a few of the hardy annuals will convince the skeptical that there is something in the time and season of sowing, as well as in the soil and culture.

Some of the biennials and perennials may also be sown to advantage in the autumn. In the southern states pansies, daisies and other flowers sensitive to heat can only be successfully grown in the winter. If started early in autumn, so that they will come into bloom as winter approaches, they will, in a sheltered spot, open their flowers freely throughout the winter, and afford the most satisfactory results.

It is not too late to sow any of the flowers named in October, while the candytuft, etc., need not be sown until in December. Fifty cents' worth of seeds of the annuals named, put in the ground now, will yield more satisfaction and pleasure than a dollar's worth of the same kind sown in the spring. Try autumn sowing of hardy annuals this fall as an experiment. The result will not be disappointing.

PERMANENT VINES.

Climbing plants meet a demand in the adornment of a place which can be filled neither with trees nor shrubs. Trees and shrubs can be used to hide unsightly objects from a distance, but vines serve the same purpose as the draperies of a garment; they mask by covering unsightly objects.

Vines have a peculiar value in decorative planting in that as a class they are shade enduring; yet many of the best decorative plants of this group thrive to perfection in full sunlight. Since many vines will thrive in partial shade as well as in full sunlight, they lend themselves well to porch and arbor decoration. A few have the power to attach themselves to bare walls, thus making them extremely useful in covering rough brick, stone or wooden walls, giving them an effect of age, beauty and appropriateness which cannot be produced by artists and architectural materials. Two of the best vines

for covering walls are the Boston ivy (*Ampelopsis tricuspidata*) and the English ivy (*Hedera helix*).

Vines which attach themselves to wire or wood supports and are chiefly valuable because of their covering and shading effects are the clematis, with all its varied forms, the wistaria, the trumpet flower, and the Actinidia and Akebia, both valuable cover plants. For sandy regions either as a soil binder or as an arbor or trellis cover none of the vines is more useful than the Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*). There are many other good honeysuckles (*Lonicerae*) grown for decorative purposes, but none is more rapid-growing or freer from insect pests and fungous diseases than the Japanese honeysuckle. In this list of valuable vines two more of our native vines justly merit high places—the five-fingered ivy (*Ampelopsis quinquefolia*) and the bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*).—From Bulletin of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

TULIPS.

Our tulips are making such a grand display this spring that I am resolved to never be without this gay, bright flower of the early springtime. We have the best success growing them in beds instead of in the border. In this way the foliage seems to ripen better and there is less danger of their being neglected and forgotten after the blooming period. As soon as the flowers fade we clip them from the stalks, not allowing seed pods to form, and fill in the bed between the bulbs with verbenas or aster plants. In this way we have flowers until late autumn with but little care or attention. In the fall we mulch with stable manure from the horse barn, and thus the fertility is kept up and the bed does not need to be taken up for three years to separate the bulbs. The verbenas will reseed themselves with great profuseness year after year.—Mrs. Ella F. Flanders.

AN AMATEUR'S WAY WITH ROSES.

To obtain the best results, plant in an open space, away from the roots of trees or shrubs, where they can have the full benefit of the sunshine. Ideal soil is a rich, porous loam. Dig the beds at least two feet deep, remove the soil, and mix with a third of well-rotted cow manure. Unless the subsoil is gravel, put in the bottom a six-inch layer of small stone or broken tile, covered with an equal depth of sod. Never plant where the ground is wet.

If plants come from the nursery too early for planting, or in bad condition, do not water, do not "heel them in," but dig a trench at least a foot deep, remove the wrappings, lay them flat, and cover the root and branch with soil, allowing them to remain until the ground is in good condition. After planting, give a thorough soaking, and shade for a few days from the wind and sun.

Keep the beds free from grass. Stir the soil frequently. Care must be taken not to hoe too deeply, as it injures the young roots.

After blooming, cut out all the old

canes, thus giving the young shoots a better chance for growth. At this time be generous with fertilizer, working it in lightly around the roots.

In a cold climate protect from frost by digging fresh rotted manure around the roots, covering with a few inches of leaves. In the spring remove the leaves and dig the manure into the soil.

For rose bugs, slugs or aphids use powdered hellebore, one ounce to three gallons of water. Apply with a sprinkler or whisk broom two or three times a week. Mildew can be remedied by dusting with sulphur when the dew is on.—Mrs. C. E. VanNess, Pennsylvania.

SUCCESS WITH DAHLIAS.

I have been very successful with dahlias. I planted the roots in the month of May, in a sunny spot in the garden. The soil was not so rich, not sandy, but black in color. They did not come up very quickly. The roots went down in the earth, then the green shoots showed, and soon the plants had grown to be trees in size, three or four feet in height. I put up stakes and tied the branches to them. Then the buds in a great number came on the bushes and soon it was a lovely sight, the flowers waving in the sunshine, of different colors—magenta, yellow, red. They bloomed all summer. The flowers were cut and brought in the house, taken to sick friends and relatives.

The bushes bloomed late into November, when the frost killed the plants. Then the roots were left in the ground, covered with compost, and left all winter. Early in the spring they came up, and were as pretty as they had been the summer before. I have planted the seed in a box in the house in March, then they were ready to transplant out of doors in May, and soon grew large bushes and bloomed the first season.—Miss Eva M. Welch, South Carolina.

GERANIUM THE FAVORITE.

I grow many varieties of flowers, but have succeeded best with the geranium, both for bedding and pot plants. They require a moderately rich, sandy soil, and an eastern or southern exposure I find is best, although they bloom profusely when planted on the west side of a building and exposed to full sunshine. I start slips from them in August, and when rooted, plant in small pots or tin cans, using a compost of garden soil, old manure and sand, and place in a sunny window for winter blooming. Give good drainage and water in moderation.

Before danger of frost in the fall we lift the bedding plants, and with plenty of dirt adhering to the roots, place in boxes and carry to the cellar, where they remain until spring. I know of no plant that gives more satisfaction than the geranium in variety.—Mrs. H. D. Weaver, Ohio.

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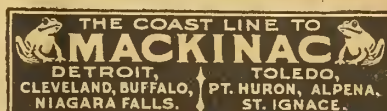
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SUCCESS WITH GERANIUMS.

In these days of high cost of living perhaps my experience may be helpful to those who, while being ardent lovers of flowers, can ill afford spending even a small share of money in purchasing them. For my own part, living in a flat and not being blessed with over a generous salary, I naturally gave much forethought to the subject, and after careful deliberation finally concluded in growing geraniums. It was only after many experiments and a number of failures that my efforts were finally crowned by success, as I now have geraniums blossoming all the year through, from January to December. What more beautiful than an English scarlet geranium blossoming in your window at Christmastide?

Now as to my method. Procure a generous-sized flower pot, say about eight inches high and seven inches in diameter across the top. Into this put about half an inch layer of pebbles, to be used for drainage, filling in the remainder to within one inch of the top with the following mixture: Three-fourths light garden clay to one-fourth sand. If procurable, you may also add about the size of a small marble of slaked lime and two ounces of either peat or wood soot. Plant your slips in the spring. When blossoms commence to wither, gently pluck them off, depositing them on top of the earth surface. Water each alternate day and once every month give a light spraying of weak soap water.—John D. Norton, New York.

A MAMMOTH BEGONIA.

I have a fine begonia forty-five inches in height. It is leafed out like a small tree. The one plant fills a large window. I grew the slip by filling a glass jar with cistern water, putting two inches of sand in the bottom, placing the slip so it would reach the sand. Let the jar get the air, but no sun. When the little white roots put out I set the slip in a small pot filled with leaf mold, and kept it in the shade until October. I then moved it to a larger pot filled with rotten wood taken from an old stump all decayed inside. This dirt is very light, but sinks by watering. A supply should be kept in the cellar to refill the pot in winter.—Mrs. S. G. Camery, Ohio.

A FRIEND OF THE GLADIOLUS.

My best results have been with the gladiolus. I wait until the ground is warm before planting. I dig up the ground with a garden fork, let it lay exposed to the weather a day or so, turn it over again, perhaps do so the third time, picking out the stones. Then with hoe and rake make it fine and mellow. I plant in rows six inches apart, two inches apart in the row, and three inches deep. When they are about a foot high I drive stakes at each end of the rows, and stretch a soft twine back and forth from stake to

stake, crossing it between each plant. They usually need a second tying. Each bulb has branching flower stalks bearing immense blossoms. I pick the flowers as soon as they fade; by so doing I have finer flowers, more of them, and prolong the blooming season. I keep the soil well stirred until the flower buds show, then mulch between the rows if the weather is dry. Before it freezes I dig them up, cut off the tops, dry in an airy place, then rub off the roots, and store in paper bags in a frost-proof closet.—Mrs. A. W. Parker, Pennsylvania.

OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

Over and over again,
No matter which way I turn,
I always find in the Book of Life
Some lesson I have to learn.
I must take my turn at the mill,
I must grind out the golden grain,
I must work at my task with a resolute will,
Over and over again.

We cannot measure the need
Of even the tiniest flower,
Nor check the flow of the golden sands
That run through a single hour.
But the morning dews must fall,
And the sun and the summer rain
Must do their part, and perform it all
Over and over again.

Over and over again
The brook through the meadow flows,
And over and over again
The pond'rous mill-wheel goes.
Once doing will not suffice,
Though doing be not in vain,
And a blessing, failing us once or twice,
May come if we try again.

The path that has once been trod
Is never so rough to the feet;
And the lesson we once have learned
Is never so hard to repeat.
Though sorrowful tears may fall,
And the heart to its depths be driven
With storm and tempest, we need them all
To render us meet for heaven.

HOW I GROW THE SALVIA.

The best success I have had in raising flowers has been with the salvia. I sow the seed in the ground as early as the ground will permit, sowing about four inches in depth and eight inches apart. The stalks grow to the height of three feet. Choosing a spot at the north side of the house, as they do not require so much sun as many other flowers, I drop five to eight seed to a hill. In about two weeks they ought to be up. Keep the dirt well worked around the plants, and as soon as large enough give them frequent cultivation.

They blossom early in summer and until late in the fall, when the seeds should be picked and gather for the next season. They do not require a very rich soil. As the plants grow more bushy, water freely, using the sprinkler occasionally. This method has brought cheer to the sick room, with many bouquets of bright, cheery flowers. Not only that, but has made home attractive with the abundance of flowers, rich in color. The Household Journal and Floral Life has given me many helpful ideas and I take great pleasure in reading it.—Mrs. James Forman, Illinois.

FERNS.

The ferns received last spring as a premium with The Household Journal and Floral Life were all fine varieties. The "Big Four" and the "Tarrytown" are especially charming, and I love to watch for the variety of fronds that the Big Four is frequently sending up. Ferns are of such easy culture that the amateur may succeed with them if they are potted in light, loamy soil and not kept too moist. I find that they are very particular in regard to having their "feet wet" much of the time, consequently the drainage should be of the best.—Ella F. Flanders.

THE PERSIAN CYCLAMEN.

This plant should be given a season of rest when it shows a disposition to do so. Withhold water gradually, till the soil is almost dry, and keep it so for some weeks. It injures a cyclamen to dry off entirely, as it has fleshy roots which support the plant and start it with renewed vigor after the resting period. As to the black lilies, our correspondent does not state whether she refers to the *Lilium kamschatkense* or to *Arum sanctum*. The former is difficult to grow satisfactorily. The bulb is small, and should be set several inches under the surface in a deep pot. Winter in the cellar, and start the bulb in the spring. It is not considered hardy at the North. *Arum sanctum* is the so-called black calla. It requires the same treatment as the spotted calla. Keep the tuber dry in winter, and in a growing state in summer. It likes a tenacious soil and plenty of water while growing.

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BLACK CALLA.

The black calla is an *Arum*, and requires a rest during winter. Give it the same treatment as recommended for *Richardia maculata*, the spotted-leaved calla. Pot the tuber in the spring, using rather tenacious soil, with good drainage, and when the active growth begins keep well watered. In a partial shade, shielded from the drying winds and freely watered, it makes a luxuriant growth of foliage; and if the tubers are large enough, they are almost as sure to bloom as the common calla. In autumn, dry off the plant, leaving it in the soil until spring, then repot. Like the calla, the blooming is sometimes promoted by allowing the plant to become root bound.

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The best thing to relieve the intense pain caused by poison ivy is to apply cloths wet with hamamelis. The poison of the ivy is due to an oily fluid which spreads over the skin and causes the irritation. F. Schuyler Matthews speaks in one of his books of seeing the ivy growing in close proximity to the witch hazel, from which hamamelis is manufactured. Thus, the poison and one of its antidotes are neighbors.

A FINE SUMMER PINK.

One of the most desirable summer flowers is the pink, *Dianthus Chinensis* Hedekigii. The flowers are of various colors, exceedingly rich and handsomely marked. The plants bloom early in summer, and continue until after severe frosts late in autumn. Usually they will endure the winter and bloom freely the following season.

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Will Tuberoses Bloom a Second Time?—Mrs. F. M. Coleman, California—Tuberoses bulbs usually bloom only one year. The offsets, which should be taken off before the large bulb is planted, will, if planted and well cared for, make blooming bulbs, it is said, in one season from North Carolina southwards, and to the northward in two years.

The Shamrock or Oxalis—Miss Josephine F. Kieser, New York—The writer is really unable to say whether the shamrock will live throughout the year planted out of doors in New York State. He would be inclined to think that a hot summer would be more against it than a severe winter. We would suggest that you write some one in your state and would refer you to the Peter Henderson Company, of New York City.

Treatment of Begonias—Mrs. S. D. Jennings, Pennsylvania—Your report of the begonias seems to indicate that you have been keeping them warm enough, and this would leave one to believe that the trouble was in the soil. Begonias like a loose soil, well enriched with well-rotted cow manure and a soil that will easily drain itself, and drainage should further be provided with some rough material in the bottom of the pot. Fertilizers of all kinds should be avoided and a warm, moist temperature provided. If the plant is warm enough, plenty of water can be given it, but if not, simply enough should be given to water the roots thoroughly at times and not to keep the soil soggy.

Books for Those Entering the Florist Business—Mrs. Frank Staton, North Carolina—Among others we would suggest the following: Bailey's Standard Encyclopedia of Horticulture, six volumes, \$6.00 each (now being published); Horticultural Rule Book, \$1.50; Plant Culture, \$1.50; The Art of Propagating, 30 cents; Landscape Gardening, 75 cents; Florists' Manual, \$5.00; Bulbs and Tuberous-rooted Plants, \$1.50; Florists' Design Book, 35 cents, de luxe edition, \$2.50; Commercial Rose Culture, \$1.50; Commercial Violet Culture, \$1.50; Sweet Peas for Profit, \$1.50. All of these can be obtained through us. If there is any special subject you are interested in, let us know and probably we can name a helpful book.

To Destroy Ants—Mrs. M. Welker, New York—Some good ways of destroying ants are to get some old meaty bones—from the stock pot will do—and place them near the nest; these will attract them in large numbers, and they can then be dropped into boiling water. Another way, where there are no valuable plants near, is to sprinkle the nest and runs with a mixture of six parts water to one part kerosene. Forceful syringing with warm water will clean pot plants of ants; and stirring the soil around their nests repeatedly will also tend to clear them out. As a soil fumigant Vaporite is an excellent remedy. It is safe and easy to use, being already prepared. Bisulphide of carbon is likewise sure; and an article sold in England as the "Ballikrain" and destroyer is well spoken of.

Hardy Herbaceous Perennial Plants for Cut Flowers—Miss C. M. Emery, Massachusetts—No book is known to us which gives a separate list of hardy herbaceous perennial plants whose blossoms are particularly adapted for cutting for sale in a retail flower store. The American Flower Garden, popular edition (price, postpaid, \$1.65, obtainable through "The Florists' Exchange"), gives long and helpful descriptive lists of hardy flowering plants. Such lists may be also found in some of the leading seedsmen's catalogues. Here is a list of the blooms of hardy herbaceous plants which are seen more or less in the New York wholesale cut-flower market: Hardy Asters, Boltonias, Hardy Chrysanthemums, Coreopsis, Delphiniums, Gaillardias, Euphorbia, Gypsophila, Helenus, Helianthus, Spanish, German and Japanese Iris, Liatris pycnostachya, Lupines, Auratum, Rubrum and Tiger Lilies, Lychnis, Peonies, Phlox, Physostegia, Platycodon, Primula veris, Single and Double Pyrethrum, Rudbeckia Golden Glow, Stokesia, Sweet Williams, Buddleia, Achillea, Anchusa and Japanese Anemones. Of these the most staple are Iris, Coreopsis, Gaillardias and Delphiniums. The seeds of all these plants, if sown this coming spring or summer, would bloom the summer of next year. You might sow this coming spring seed of some of the annual flowers, which would bloom this coming summer; for example, Marigolds, Celosia, Scabiosa, Petunias, Nasturtiums, Phlox Drummondii, Larkspur, Zinnias, Calliopsis, Antirrhinum and Browallia.

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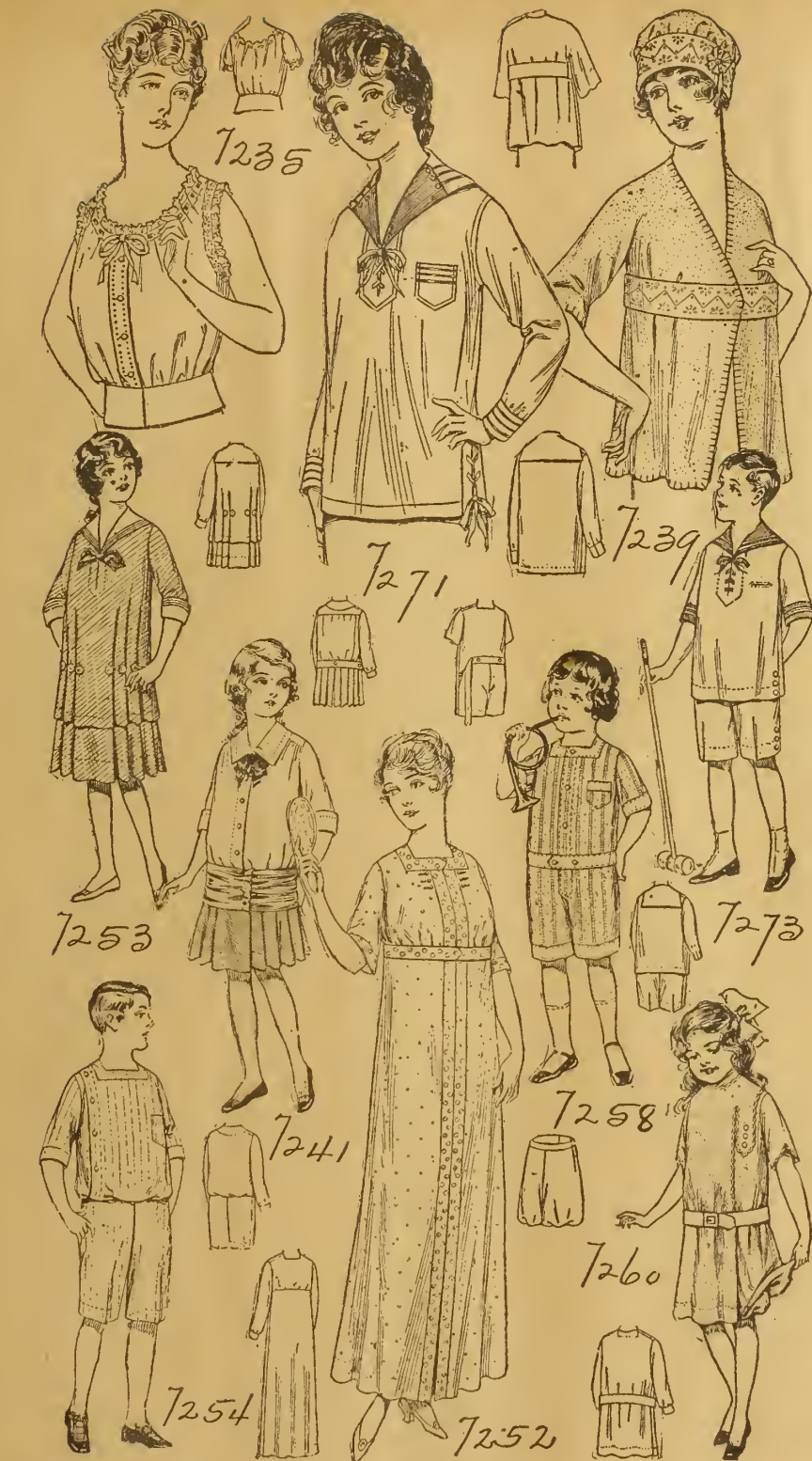
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It is very well to heed,
In a world where pain and sorrow
Are quite plentiful indeed.
If you would not have them double,
Then keep this well in view,
To never trouble trouble
Until trouble troubles you.

Don't think when storm clouds gather
You are certain to be drowned;
The very darkest tempests
May quickly blow around,
And up above the blackness
Shines evermore the blue;
So never trouble trouble
Until trouble troubles you.

Ofttimes a gloomy morning
Precedes a sunny day—
So, without a word of warning,
Our trials slip away.
What pangs we oft have suffered
From ills we never knew,
So never trouble trouble
Until trouble troubles you.

Quit counting all the bridges
You may never have to cross;
Quit climbing all the ridges
Of future pain and loss.
Trudge on and do your duty,
To God and conscience true,
And never trouble trouble
Until trouble troubles you.
—Leslie's Weekly.

Another month has passed and we are glad to say we are still able to resume our work, although not as strong as we want to be. Yet we know God is answering the prayers of our dear shut-ins in our behalf. We are so thankful that he has permitted us to resume the work. We still ask that you will be thoughtful and not send any unnecessary mail to us, when we are not able to write. We must still ask several who are writing for aid, to know that we have a large list now of worthy shut-ins and cannot help those who are not sick and helpless and who do not send well-written reference from your doctor or minister. We have received several which found their way to the scrap basket.

We are glad to receive new members to our society and only ask that you will do all you can to send cheer to those mentioned in our Corner each month. Write to us for membership card, but if you wish to organize a Club, we ask that you write to Sunshine Headquarters, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City, until we feel able to take up this work again. If we are slow in sending you a membership card, just go on sending out cheer just the same, whether you have it or not, for it is not the card that makes the Sunshiner. It must be in us to want to do and help others. The only way to be a Sunshiner is to do all you can toward cheering and assisting others. There is a broad field for the work. The following quotation is true for the Sunshiner as it is for us who are hoping to some day reach a better port: "To reach the port of heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it; but we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor." This is true with our work;

we must not let a day pass without a kind word, writing a cheering letter, making a call to the sick, or in some way doing some good cheer.

Do not be afraid you can do too much for others, but remember "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me."

What the world needs is the resolute step, the look of cheer, the smiling countenance, and the kindly word. Keep sweet.

Frederick W. Faber says, "Let us serve God in the sunshine while he makes the sun shine. We shall then serve him all the better in the dark when he sends the darkness. The darkness is sure to come. Only let our light be God's light, and our darkness God's darkness, and we shall be safe at home when the great nightfall comes."

While we are suffering with the heat these hot days, forget self and cheer those who are on beds of suffering, who lie there day after day and do not complain, although they must be very uncomfortable. This is a fine way to forget the heat, to forget other discomforts. The very silliest and most fatal habit that any mortal man can get into the way of is the habit of being sorry for himself.

You climb toward yon towering summit;
I dwell with the masses below.
You seek to be free from all sorrow;
I'd rather rid others of woe.

It's not in the gold that we gather,
It's not in the laurels we wear;
But more in the loads that we lighten,
And more in the crosses we bear.
—W. I. Jones.

WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever;
Do noble deeds, not dream them all day long;
And so make life, death, and that vast forever
One grand, sweet song.

Mrs. Sarah Dever, 72 years old, would appreciate silk pieces for quilts. Address her in care of Joe Dever, Paris, Mo., R. F. D. 3.

Little Lucy Pinkney, care of James Pinkney, Cornwall, N. Y., is seven years old. She recently lost her mother and is very sad-hearted.

Miss Blanche Simpson, Volga, Va., Box 26, R. F. D. 2 would appreciate cards, letters and cheer of any kind. Miss Simpson is a young cripple.

Mrs. Arthur Delaney, Holiday, Mo., R. F. D., has had to undergo three operations. She would be very grateful for scraps of silk and ribbon.

Miss Ruth Nevins, Strother, Mo., has been in the hospital and will have to be shut in from the world for some time. Scraps of ribbon and silk for fancy work would be greatly appreciated.

Do not forget Miss Myra J. Booth, Florin, Pa. She is a great sufferer from spinal trouble. Her mother, who has recently passed away, has caused her to grieve and be so lonesome. She is not able to earn much.

Miss Allie Cunningham, 836 East Bay Avenue, Olympia, Wash., is an invalid girl who tries to support herself. She will give a curious plant and ten floral post cards and a monthly paper for eighteen months for 30 cents.

If you have good magazines and papers or good books, you could make an old couple very happy by sending to them. They enjoy reading, but cannot afford to buy. Address Mr. and Mrs. Carey Sherman, Pelzer, S. C., R. F. D. 3.

Do not forget Mrs. James Kelley, 145 Livingston Avenue, Albany, N. Y. She says she does not receive much Sunshine mail now. She has been very ill and her eyes are failing very fast. She is unable to do any fine fancy work any more.

Miss Frank Whitney, of Mexico, N. Y., has been suffering a great deal with neuritis. She has not been able to answer her letters, and just recently had a very bad fall which has made her much worse. We hope Sunshiners will not forget her.

The name of Mr. J. W. Robertson, of Allene, Ark., comes to us as worthy of any assistance one can give him. He and his wife lived in Illinois until three years ago, when they went to Allene to take up forty acres as a homestead. He worked very hard and got twelve acres cleared, when in six months he took down with rheumatism. He is not able to feed

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himself. They have used up all of their means, and even had to sell their cow when they needed it so badly. The neighbors have been very kind to them. But he says they are poor like himself. He thought if he could get help now that he would perhaps be able next year to look after themselves, as he is improving now, though rather slowly.

Little Gladys Brooks, care of Fred Brooks, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., is six years old. She is a little "sunbeam" and loves to cheer others by her sweet smiles. She says she can smile for Jesus. She has had many dark hours in her short life, so it is hoped some cheer will reach her.

Cheer in the form of post cards, books and games has been asked for a little crippled boy. He is such a patient little sufferer. And do not forget the little six-year-old sister, who would enjoy pretty things, too. Address Master Raymond Dayton and Viola Dayton, care of Miss Gladys Dayton, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Miss Nellie Eppes, of Bland Lake, Texas, is a young girl crippled for life, by being accidentally shot by a younger sister when she attempted to shoot a snake. She missed her mark, and the lead penetrated the sister's spine. She has been a helpless cripple for twelve years. She would enjoy hearing from Sunshiners. Her mother is a widow and they have not very much of this world's goods. Her wheel-chair needs repairs and she cannot afford to have it done. She wonders if some of the Sunshiners would like to send her a little for this purpose.

We have received a splendid reference from Dr. C. M. Walters in regard to the worthiness and condition of Miss Eugenia Barts, of Fitch, N. C., R. D. Box 33. He says she is afflicted with that dreadful incurable disease called "Arthritis Deformans." She was taken sick when eight years old and gradually grew worse; she is now 30 years old, and has not been able to walk for the past twelve years. Every joint in her body except one arm, the shoulder on the other arm and her neck and jaws seem to be perfectly rigid. Her spine is badly curved and rigid. She has very little use of her arms. She suffers intense pain at times, but she will not use morphine. Her doctor furnishes her with "Aspirine" to relieve the pain, but is very expensive now, although he lets her have it at cost. Her father and mother are old and very poor. The doctor says she is the most pitiful case he has ever seen and if any one ever needed help she does.

APPRECIATION.

Mrs. Lillian Austin, of Pelzer, S. C., writes a letter of thanks for the nice Easter greetings received. She is so nervous it is hard for her to write. She enjoys her mail so much, but says she is not getting much now. Do not forget this young girl. She gets very lonely and suffers much. She enjoys to do embroidery work. Can you not make her happy with an order?

A very grateful letter has been received from Miss Myrta Eshbaugh, of Tionesta, Pa. She says she has received \$2.05, which is heartily appreciated. She is very anxious to get a brace and still lacks \$14.00. Her mother has been confined to her bed for over a year. Miss Eshbaugh is practically helpless, and as they are alone except when a neighbor runs in to give a lift, circumstances are very depressing. They are entirely dependent upon the kindness of friends for support.

Mrs. Anna B. Carr, of Diagonal, Iowa, wishes to thank each one for cheer. Mrs. Carr is unable to move and has to lie flat on her back all the time. The heat is so hard to bear and she is wishing to raise enough money to buy a small dynamo and small engine to run it, to make electricity to run a fan over her bed. Any donations toward this would be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Carr has her little eight-year-old boy to do all of her writing. She composes beautiful poetry and songs as she lies in bed. These are an inspiration to any one. She will be glad to send these to you if you write to her. Why not send her a silver offering for her fan?

Mrs. Ida Fisher, of Olean, N. Y., General Delivery, former address was 608½ State Street, writes that she wishes to thank the dear Sunshiners for the kind remembrances received in the past, and since her name was in the March number she has received stamps, some stationery and a number of Christian letters, some good literature and beautiful cards. She says, "I appreciate it all so much, and it seems life is much brighter and troubles less and easier to bear when I know there is a Sunshine letter or token coming through the post." Her birthday is August 8th and we are going to suggest a "Wonder Bag" for her. Will you make some little gift and mark a date on it when to open and send to her? Tie with yellow ribbon (baby) and tie a card to one end containing the date. Have the ribbon long enough so it can hang out of the bag. We hope she will receive a great many useful articles. Please make yourself do this and not depend on some one else to send the gift.

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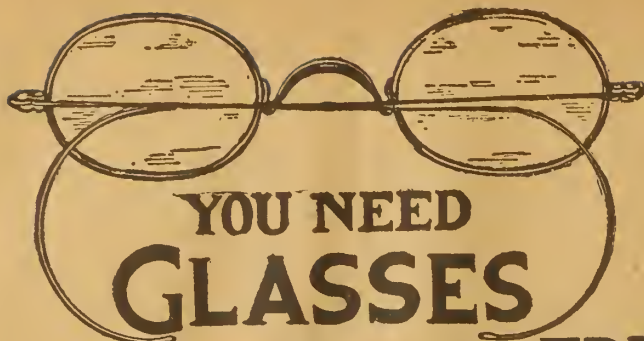
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Household Helps

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HOW THEY NAMED THE BABY.

They talked of Medora, Aurora and Flora, Of Mabel and Marcia and Mildred and May, Debated the question of Helen, Honora, Clarissa, Camilla, and Phyllis and Fay.

They thought of Marcella, Estella and Bella, Considered Cecelia, Jeanette and Pauline; Alicia, Adella, Annette, Arabella, And Ethel and Eunice, Hortense and Irene.

One liked Theodora, another Lenora; Some argued for Edith and some for Elaine, For Madeline, Adeline, Lily and Lora; And then, after all, they decided on Jane.

CANNING VEGETABLES IN THE HOUSE.

Many people have trouble in canning peas, beans and corn. This trouble may be overcome by thorough cooking. One very satisfactory way is as follows:

Select young and tender vegetables, pack firmly in the jar, cover with cold water, and add a teaspoonful of salt to each quart. Put on the rubber and top and steam for five or six hours in a boiler or steamer. A boiler may be used in place of a steamer if a false bottom or rack is used to keep the jars from the bottom of the boiler.

In the high altitudes about one-fourth more time must be added to the time given in low altitude recipes.

Green peppers are canned very well by the cold-water method. Select the green peppers, cut off the stem end and remove the seeds. Parboil the peppers for about fifteen minutes or until the peppers are tender. They should not be cooked long enough to cause them to lose their shape. Pack them in jars, pour cold water over the peppers, and seal. They are ready for use any time during the winter. These peppers may be filled with cold slaw, left-over meats or other suitable fillings.

If care is taken in cooking the vegetables a sufficient length of time, and if the vegetables selected are fresh, the trouble in canning vegetables will be overcome.—Maryetta Wilson, Colorado Agricultural College.

SWEET PEPPERS, GREEN AND RED.

With the exception of those who live in Florida, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana, the residents of the United States have so far failed to become as familiar with the sweet pepper as it deserves.

Northerners almost invariably demand the sweet green peppers, therefore the sweet red peppers, which are infinitely superior in flavor because they are the same type of peppers matured and sweetened in the fullest, finest flavor by the sun, are not seen to any extent in northern markets.

This is because the red pepper is generally supposed by northerners to be hot; and it is still impossible to distinguish, except by taste, between the hot and sweet red pepper.

The skin of peppers is not always objectionable, but in many instances it is preferable to remove the skin, especially with the larger, older peppers. When cooked the skin toughens.

Some cooks frequently blanch peppers by dropping them into boiling olive oil or some other fat. Boiling water instead may be used, and the skin is more readily removed when they have been allowed to simmer about fifteen minutes.

Peppers also may be slightly scored and placed on a broiler over hot coals, or in a very hot oven a few minutes to loosen the skin.

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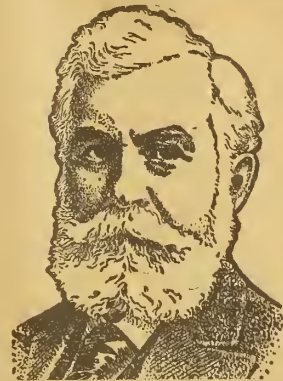
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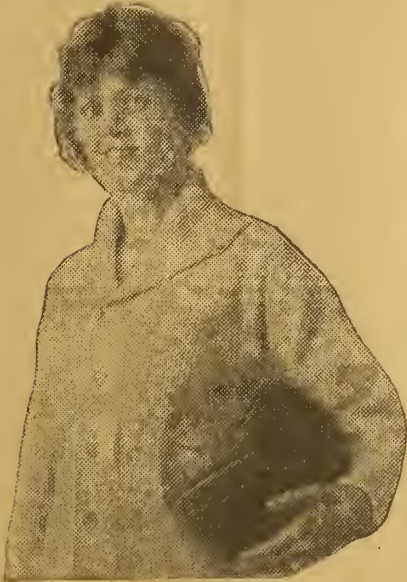
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"Beauregard" eggs

Why the following recipe is called "Beauregard" eggs I never could imagine, but that is the name under which it was given to me. For five people take five eggs, a pint of milk and six small slices of bread. Boil the eggs fifteen minutes; while they are boiling, toast the bread, butter the slices and lay them on a platter, and make a white sauce as follows: Put a tablespoonful of butter into a sauce pan, put it over the fire, and let it melt slowly, but do not let it boil; add a level tablespoonful of flour to the butter, draw the pan off the fire, and stir both together until it is smooth; then pour in the pint of cold milk, set it over the fire again, and stir until the sauce boils and thickens. Season it with pepper and salt, and set the sauce pan over hot water, so the sauce will keep hot. Take the shells off the eggs, and separate the whites from the yolks; then put the whites through a fruit press or rub them through a sieve, and add them to the white sauce; then pour the sauce over the toast, and rub the yolks through the sieve over the top of the whole. This makes a pretty dish, and is delicious—just the thing for a Lenten luncheon or breakfast. Garnish the plate with sprigs of parsley.

Parker-house rolls

One cake of compressed yeast, one pint of milk, scalded and cooled, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, four tablespoonfuls of lard or butter, melted, three pints of sifted flour, one teaspoonful of salt. Dissolve the yeast and sugar in lukewarm milk, add the lard or butter and one and one-half pints of flour. Beat until perfectly smooth. Cover and let rise in a warm place one hour, or until light. Then add the remainder of the flour, or enough to make a dough, and the salt. Knead well. Place in a greased bowl. Cover, and let rise in a warm place for about one and one-half hours, or until double in bulk. Roll out one-fourth inch thick. Brush over lightly with melted butter, cut with two-inch biscuit cutter, crease through the center heavily with the dull edge of the knife, and fold over in pocket-book shape. Place in well-greased, shallow pans, one inch apart. Cover, and let rise until light—about three-quarters of an hour. Bake ten minutes in a hot oven.

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Raspberry Sponge—Put one and one-fourth cupfuls of raspberries, one cupful of powdered sugar, a few grains of salt and the white of one egg into a bowl. Beat with a wire whisk until the mixture is stiff enough to hold its shape. The time required being about thirty minutes. Pile lightly on a serving dish, surround with ladyfingers and serve with a boiled custard sauce.

Peach Syrup—Put the peel and stones of peaches in a kettle, cover barely with water, and, without stirring, cook one hour; strain the fruit in a sieve without pressing, filter the liquid through flannel, measure. Allow for each pint one and one-half cupfuls of sugar, put the juice and sugar in a kettle, stir until dissolved, place over the fire, boil and skim ten minutes, then bottle, cork tightly while hot, and when cold dip into melted wax.

Rhubarb Compote—Wipe, but do not peel, the rhubarb, cut it into three-inch lengths, lay it in a wide sauce pan, barely cover with water, and add a little sugar. Simmer over a gentle fire until the rhubarb is tender, but not broken. Remove, draining well from the juice. Lay the pieces in a glass dish, sweeten the juice to taste, add a few drops of cochineal if the color is not very bright, and boil it rapidly for ten minutes. When this has somewhat cooled off, pour over the pieces of rhubarb.

Apple Cups—Sift together one pint of flour, a half teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, and one teaspoonful of baking powder. Beat one egg, add four tablespoonfuls of milk, and stir into the dry mixture, adding more milk as necessary to make a very thick batter. Add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, and beat well. Butter some baking cups and put in each a spoonful of the batter. Add a quarter of a tart apple, add more batter to cover and two-thirds fill the cup. Steam or bake, and serve with a hard sauce.

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Berry Muffins—Cream one-fourth of a cupful of butter, and add gradually, while beating constantly, one-third cupful of sugar; then add one egg well beaten. Mix and sift two and one-third cupfuls of flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and one-half teaspoonful of salt, and add alternately with one cupful of milk to the first mixture. Mix one-third cupful of flour with one cupful of huckleberries or blueberries, and add to the mixture. Bake in buttered gem pans.

Ripe-Tomato Pickle—Mix three pints of tomatoes, peeled and chopped, one cupful of chopped celery, four tablespoonfuls of chopped red pepper, four tablespoonfuls of chopped onion, four tablespoonfuls of salt, six tablespoonfuls of sugar, six tablespoonfuls of mustard seed, one-half teaspoonful of clove, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of grated nutmeg and two cupfuls of vinegar. Put in a stone jar, cover, and store in a cool, dry place. This uncooked mixture must stand a week before using, but may be kept a year.

Pot Roast—Buy one and one-half pounds of stew beef (any cheap lean cut taken from the fore quarter). Wipe with a piece of cheesecloth wrung out of cold water and cut in one and one-half inch pieces. Put in an earthen dish (a bean pot will answer the purpose) one onion, peeled and sliced, eight quarts of carrot cut one-quarter inch thick, two sprigs of parsley, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt and one-half teaspoonful of peppercorns. Add meat and two cupfuls each of hot water and canned tomatoes. Cover and bake in a slow oven three and one-half hours. One-half hour before serving time, thicken with three tablespoonfuls of butter worked until creamy and mixed with three tablespoonfuls of flour. Remove the onion, carrot and peppercorns and add one cupful of canned peas which have been thoroughly rinsed with cold water.

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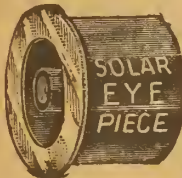
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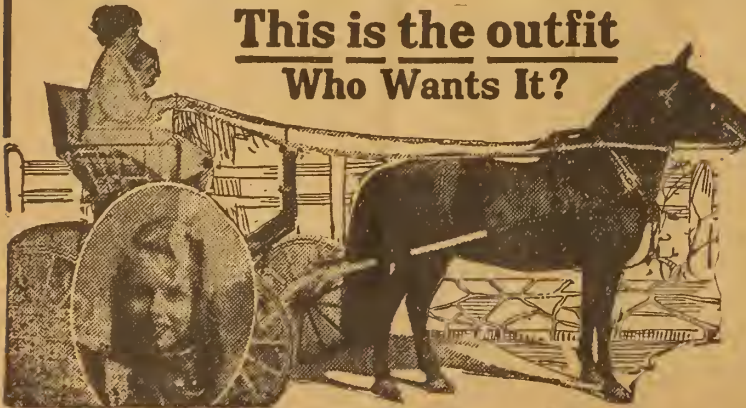
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The chauffeur never spoke except when addressed, but his few utterances, given in a broad brogue, were full of wit.

One of the men in the party remarked: "You're a bright sort of a fellow, and it's easy to see that your people came from Ireland."

"No, sor; ye are very badly mistaken," replied Pat.

"What?" said the man. "Didn't they come from Ireland?"

"No, sor," answered Pat; "they're there yit."

RIVAL AUTHORITIES.

Two little girls who played together a great deal had an altercation one morning. Beth had told Blanche what she called "a little fib."

"A fib is the same thing as a story," explained Blanche, "and a story is the same thing as a lie."

"No," argued Beth, "it's not."

"Yes, it is," insisted Blanche, "because my father said so, and my father is professor at the college, and he knows everything."

"I don't care if he is a professor," said Beth. "My father is a real estate man, and he knows a lot more about lying than your father."

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Talks With Our Readers

Use Your Powers

Success has been achieved by some industries by the utilization of products formerly wasted, and by making use of power and materials that formerly had not been used. Most people could profitably apply this principle to themselves. Many are weak and sick in body because they do not use their physical powers as they should.

Your Girl's Dress

A daughter's dress should not outrank her mother's in elegance. Too many American mothers keep shabby themselves and clothe their daughters richly, forgetting, or not knowing, that young girls are fair and pretty enough with the beauty of youth to need no help from silks, satins, velvets and jewelry. Such things are becoming to maturity and will aid to repair the loss of early charms. Simple materials prettily and youthfully made up, and above all, fresh and well-kept dresses, are the most suitable for young girls, either at home or abroad.

What Rest Will Do

Many times rest is the only medicine needed by the sick. If a dog is ailing he rolls himself into a ball in a warm corner and eats little or nothing till he is well. Quiet and warmth are the medicines of the four-footed philosopher. The biped loses the instinct of the animal; fumes, frets, takes stimulants and medicaments, and gives no chance to the recuperative forces of nature. If he, too, would retire to his chamber, keep warm and eat next to nothing, those waste and poisonous matters which produce the disorder would be expelled in due time.

Reading Aloud

As a source of pleasure, few employments equal that of reading with some congenial companion. When she lends "the beauty of her voice" to high poetic thoughts or to the instructive volume, or with gay accents brings out the flavor of the humorous and quaint conceits of others, how intensely we enjoy, how thoroughly we appreciate! With little pauses for criticism and exchange of opinion, we go on, page after page, bringing fresh pleasures. And ever after the story or poem has for us an added charm. Years may elapse, yet when we see again the book, our memories recall the scene of its first perusal.

Man's Best Friend

A man's best friend is a wife of good sense and good heart, whom he loves and who loves him. In woman there is at once a subtle delicacy of tact and a plain soundness of judgment which are rarely combined to an equal degree in man. A woman, if she is really your friend, will have a sensitive regard for your character, honor, repute. She will seldom counsel you to do a shabby thing, for a woman always desires to be proud of you. At the same time her constitutional timidity makes her more cautious than your male friends. She, therefore, seldom counsels you to do an imprudent thing.

Are You Lukewarm?

There does not seem to be much use for lukewarmness in this world. Nobody wants it nor admires it, and the colorless people who are lukewarm themselves are not attracted by others. A lukewarm dinner is a horror; a lukewarm drink is nauseating; a lukewarm friend is far worse than a red-hot foe; and lukewarm praise can successfully damage the most virtuous character. So may we have grace to be cold or hot, but at least one or the other; to like a person or thing, and say so, though we disagree with the world; to believe heartily and bravely and not be ashamed to give reason for the faith which is in us; to have the "courage of our convictions," and if we have not got it, to quickly get it.

Make Home Cheerful

With mothers, nothing is so necessary as patient calmness and cheerful good nature. Many children, boys especially, have gone the crooked road, not because of evil surroundings or want of virtuous training, but for want of sunshine at home. Children need smiles as much as flowers need sunshine. Unfortunately, youth cannot be taught to look ahead as to the consequences of evil-doing. If, therefore, a thing pleases them, they are very apt to seek it; while if it displeases them, they will avoid it. If home is only a shelter, where harsh words and fault-finding is the rule, children will very naturally spend as much time as possible elsewhere. Let parents, then, realize early that to make their children happy is to make them good. No greater safeguard against temptation can be given than a cheerful, happy home, and the humblest abodes can be made such. There should be pictures on the walls; entertaining books, instructive papers and periodicals, with games and amusements of all kinds in the house. Flowers should adorn the yard. These things we know cost money, but not as much as many vices are likely to entail.

Love's Sacrifice

By Mrs. P. GEORGE

IT WAS nearly midnight, and I was alone in a strange city, a little waif among the restless, throbbing mass of humanity now so hushed and still. By the fitful glow of the electric light I saw tall buildings, which seemed to my childish eyes to reach to the very sky. Long streets that ran in every direction, and that were now entirely deserted save for a rapidly retreating figure that I supposed to be a policeman. I alone in the great city seemed to have no home, no shelter from the night. Since early dawn I had walked and had eaten nothing, and tired human nature could endure no more. I remember making a faint moan, and falling prostrate on the hard, pitiless pavement. After that I only know that I no longer felt any sense of pain, hunger or weariness. I felt a strange warmth and restfulness steal over me, and then a perfect blank.

When next I opened my tired eyes I found myself in a long, neat room with small, white beds arranged on either side, and such bright pictures hanging on the walls. A neat young woman with a kindly face bent over me, and placed a cupful of delicious gruel to my lips. Before I swallowed a mouthful of this luxury I remember asking, "Is this heaven?" and that she replied, "No, dearie, it is only the hospital; drink this and go to sleep." I obeyed, and never shall I forget the days that followed, when for the first time in years I had enough to eat, when every one was kind to me, and where I had no fear of cruel blows.

When strong enough I told my sad story to the kind nurse, beginning with the time when I lived with papa and mama, and how happy I had been. How one day papa had died, and before I could realize that he was not coming back to us, mama put her trembling arms around me and said, "God take care of my darling," and how they came and carried her away as they had papa. How I had lived with mama's old nurse, who would beat me and tell me that I had better have died, too. How after two long, weary years I decided to leave the place I called home, thinking that anything would be better than my present life. I had just five dollars, the possession of which no one suspected, and with that I went to seek my fortune. Riding until my money was gone, I walked until that eventful night which seemed to take me into heaven.

Nurse's kind eyes were filled with tears when I had finished my simple recital, but she only said:

"Poor little girl, what shall we do with you?"

I replied so eagerly:

"Let me stay with you forever."

She smiled a little sadly as she said:

"You are tired, dear; go to sleep."

It was the next day that a lady and a little girl came to the hospital, the child carrying a basket of flowers. I remem-

ber distinctly what they were. Great purple pansies, with their wise faces kissed by the dew that was still clinging to them. She gave them to the little sufferers with a lavish hand, and I began to fear that there would not be enough for us all. But at last they were all supplied, and so happy with the beautiful flowers, when she came to my side and said, "You poor little girl, I saw you when I first came in, and have saved my very nicest ones for you," and instead of leaving me, still lingered by my bed. I looked into her face, which was like a flower itself. Long clusters of golden hair shaded the face, which was indeed flowerlike in its beauty, and her big, pansy-blue eyes were filled with tears as she suddenly bent over and kissed me. I only said, "Little girl, I shall love you always," but how happy I was. Years have passed since that day. I have felt much of life's joys as well as some of its sorrows, but I have never experienced the ecstasy of feeling as the day when that dear child first kissed me.

Before more could be said, the lady, whom I afterward knew to be her grand-

OVER AND OVER AGAIN

Over and over again,
No matter which way I may turn,
I always find in the book of life
Some lesson I have to learn.
One doing will not suffice,
Though doing is not in vain;
And a blessing failing me once or twice,
May come if I try again.

The path that has once been trod
Is never so rough to the feet;
And the lesson we once have learned
Is never so hard to repeat.
Though sorrowful tears may fall,
And the heart to its depths be riven
By storm and tempest, we need them all
To render us fit for heaven.

mother, approached us, and after speaking a few kind words to me, hurried the child away, but not before I heard a sweet voice saying, "I shall come again very soon."

My weakened constitution had received such a shock that memorable night that it was weeks before I fully recovered. Day after day I would lie in my neat little bed, never in pain, perfectly happy in my childish indifference to the future, but oh, so weak! Loving the kind nurse, to be sure, but looking forward with eager impatience to the time when I should see the sweet face of the little girl whom I seemed almost to worship. But the day that shines brightest in my memory came soon. It happened like this: I was slowly but surely regaining my health, and the doctor had said that I would soon be ready for a little exercise in the open air. I had no time, however, to rejoice at the permission, for at that moment I saw the carriage coming that I knew contained my small idol. Stella (I had learned her name) ran in with a pretty air of importance, and also with an air of sup-

pressed excitement. After kissing me lovingly on either cheek, she said with wild-est glee, "You are going to ride with me, Jean." Then turning, "Be quick, nurse, please, for I can't wait long."

I was so surprised that I didn't even wonder when nurse placed my small Bible, mama's one possession that I had taken when I had left the shelter that I had called home, in my hand, and with a warm kiss bade me "good-by." I only knew that I was to be for a while, at least, with the child who was my world.

Very soon we came to a most beautiful part of the city, and in a minute more I found we had reached a most stately residence. Stella, with her eyes shining like stars, put her arms around my neck and proclaimed her message: "Jean, Jean, you are coming to live with me, to be my sister, and I am so happy!"

Mrs. Hargrave, Stella's grandmother, then came to my rescue and explained that her son, Stella's father, had made all necessary arrangements, and that their home was to be mine as long as I was a good girl, adding kindly, "that she had no fear but that I would be a blessing to Stella and a comfort to them all." I could not speak. I could only lay my head in the kind old lap, and cry as I had not cried since they took mama away.

Poor little Stella looked at me with wondering eyes, then mournfully said, "I thought she would be glad."

And the happy years that followed! My heart ever thrills with gratitude when I think of those dear friends. Mr. Hargrave, a merchant, and one of God's noblemen, became a very father to me, and never could sisters love as Stella and I. Not once in all the years that I lived with the Hargraves did I hear one unkind or ungenerous word. Nothing but kindness and love has the poor orphan received at their hands.

Years have passed since those happy days, and I would fain recall them as my eyes are dim with unshed tears, and the old pain at my heart gets fiercer and fiercer. But I will not anticipate.

Yes, it was ten years ago that my adopted father breathed his last sigh in the arms of his devoted Stella, and I, with tears raining down on his dear hand, felt with her, that life was for us no longer worth the living.

Only one short year after that dark night came another filled with a horror of deep blackness, for the tidings came that the lawyer who had the control of our small fortune had recklessly speculated with the money until he had lost all, and had gone no one knew whither.

Before we had even finished reading the knell to all our earthly prospects, poor old grandmother was stricken down with paralysis, and before morning had reached the land where "there is no sickness, neither shall there be any more death," and when kissing the dear, dead face, we could not wish her back.

Thus Stella and I were left to fight the battle for bread as many a frail woman has done before us.

But oh, the bitter sorrow of the first few months! The dear old home had to be sold to pay our debts. Then we hired a few rooms on a quiet street and faced the future. Not utterly hopeless, for we had youth on our side, and we had each other.

With her arms tight about me Stella would often exclaim, "Remember, Jean, I am not poor, I am rich, for I have you," and I would bury my face in her soft hair and plan some way that we should not be separated.

I was the older, nearly four years older, and it seemed only right that I should have the greater care, and with the sincerest truth I can say that I gladly would have worked night and day if Stella's life could but be sheltered as before the dreadful sorrow that had come to us.

She was twenty-two, yet one would not think her more than eighteen. With her radiant beauty and soft gentleness was combined a nature tenderly winning and thoroughly good, and words cannot describe how deeply I suffered to think of her braving the cold world and fighting her way through its difficulties; yet I knew it must be done, and one morning, having counted again and again our startlingly diminishing pile of money, and finding that only ten dollars remained after paying our rent, we knew that the time had come for action.

Carefully dressing in the neatest street costumes that our wardrobe afforded, we each bade the other a tearful good-by and went in different directions. I returned weary and disheartened, having met with rebuff after rebuff in my endeavors to obtain music pupils. After vainly trying to control my feelings, I burst into a passion of tears; but before I had time to indulge long in that forbidden luxury, I felt two warm arms about me, and the voice I so dearly loved saying, "Jean, darling, I know all about it, but let me tell you, I am engaged as bookkeeper for the firm Ludolph and Co. Salary ten dollars a week. Just think, dear, ten dollars a week, and when you are successful, as you are sure to be, we will live like queens." And inspired by her courage, I dried my tears and again took heart for the future.

The next day my brave little Stella began her duties as bookkeeper, while I again searched through the city for pupils; and my efforts this time were not unsuccessful, for when my sister came home at night, I had the joyful news to give that I had obtained several pupils, with the promise of others.

How bright and happy we were that evening. Thoughts of our past life would indeed come to us, but dear, trustful Stella would say, even while tears dimmed her eyes, "Jean, we have the memory of our dear ones, and they are still ours as surely as if we could see them. Sometimes it seems as if I could hear papa's voice saying as of old, yet now with new significance, 'My brave daughters.' Then I am more than content. I am almost happy."

"My star," I would reply, "I am happy, for I have you."

Thus we lived together, and together we made our home into a little bower of beauty. As much as could be spared from our slender resources we lavished on our rooms, until they blossomed into quaint, beautiful homelikeness.

But a change was again coming into our lives, and it began this way: One evening I noticed that Stella was un-

usually particular in arranging our cozy little sitting room, or "our den," as we playfully called it.

Everything, even to the music on the piano, was arranged with more than accustomed nicety.

"Aren't you departing from your regular orbit, my fixed star?" I laughingly exclaimed, for the arrangement of the rooms was one of my allotted tasks, as I had more time from my pupils than had she from her office work.

She replied by a deep blush, then suddenly and shyly:

"I think perhaps we may have a caller tonight, and of course everything must be in immaculate order."

"But what can be the meaning of that sudden blush, my most prosaic sister? Were I as obtuse as an Egyptian sphinx, I could not fail to notice the 'signs of the times,'" I began teasingly, when with face the color of June roses, my little sister, whom somehow I had regarded as a child, crept into my arms and began to tell me her story.

"Dearest Jean, I will tell you. I have wanted to so long, but somehow I could not. You remember before papa died I went to Cousin Isabel's in Boston, and stayed, oh! ever so long? While there I met a young doctor, whom I have never spoken of even to you. Just before I came home he went to Germany, and I have never heard from him until a few days ago, when I received a letter saying that he had not forgotten me, and could he call at my home tonight; but, Jean"—even then, before I could recover from my consternation, a quick, decisive ring

was heard at the door and a "caller for Miss Hargrave" was announced.

In another moment I heard Stella's clear, sweet voice saying, "Sister Jean, my friend Dr. Wycott."

While acknowledging the introduction, I noticed the courtly bearing of the young man, and instinctively felt that he could be trusted. His presence seemed to hint of reserved strength, and somehow I ceased to wonder at Stella's evident liking for him.

I managed to excuse myself after a few minutes of general conversation, and left them together, my beautiful sister and the stranger whom until that evening I did not know of his existence.

I retired to the soft depths of my bed, but when Stella joined me there my eyes were as sleepless as her own.

It was not long after that Dr. Wycott came to practice medicine in our town, and very often found it necessary to call "professionally," as he used always to say, at our little home.

Once during the winter Stella had an attack of pneumonia, and during that anxious time I learned to depend on the young doctor more than I knew. It was the day when he took my hand in his strong grasp and said, "Miss Jean, if you do not take better care of yourself, I fear that I may have another patient," that by my wild heart-beatings I knew what I had so long feared. And oh, the anguish of the terrible thought.

Always kind and courteous to me, there was, after that day, no difference in his treatment of me, only with this exception: Sometimes I could catch a glimpse of tenderness on his face when our eyes met that made my heart stand still for sudden joy.

For six short weeks I lived in a very ecstasy of happiness, in a dream of beauty that I dared not analyze. Never a word had been spoken between us which might not have been proclaimed from the housetops with the utmost propriety, but a word, a touch from him would thrill my very soul. For me there was no past or future, I lived in the blissful now.

Stella rapidly recovered, and for some reason which I little suspected then, seemed so absorbed with her own thoughts that I had little difficulty in living in my unreal world; but at last the awakening came. It happened like this:

One evening Stella came from the office, and with a cry that pierced even through my selfish abstraction, sank upon the sofa with a look on her face that actually frightened me.

"Darling!" I cried, at her side in a moment, "what is it?" and took her in my arms.

Like a baby I held her until she in a measure recovered from her strange outburst, and then she said:

"Oh, Jean, I cannot tell you what it is, but I have a fear that is taking my very life away."

Suddenly the light flashed across my mind, and I felt as if the solid earth trembled beneath my feet. Then it was I knew that I must let love and joy and happiness slip from me forever.

I soothed and comforted her as best I could with my own heart breaking, and after giving her an opiate put her to bed as I would a little child. Just as I knew by her breathing that she was asleep, I heard a gentle tap at the sitting-room door, and Dr. Wycott entered. Hastily meeting him, I explained that Stella was tired and sleeping, when with his peculiarly grave smile he said, "But, Miss Jean, it is you whom my errand concerns to-

THE FLOWER DANCE

By Albert L. Berry

'Twas a misty morn and the moon hung low,
And the stars had all gone to bed,
The dew was putting its crown on the flowers,
While the sparrows chattered o'erhead.

From my window I heard a tiny band,
All perched on a sunflower tall;
And the lawn below was bustle and stir,
For the flowers were having a ball.

The band was made up of katydid's,
With a locust and a cricket glum,
While a tree-toad pounded his stomach green,
And thought he was playing a drum.

A beetle-bug waved his baton high,
And the opening march called out,
While a hollyhock and a little primrose
Were gaily waltzing about.

A dandelion threw her purse of gold
Into a stately wild-flower's lap,
And danced the reel with a dahlia grand,
While a daffodil held her cap.

I could hear the sweep of the feathery pink,
As she shifted her silken skirt,
And danced away with a trumpet flower;
A coxcomb said, "She's a flirt."

A pansy rich, with an apron of blue,
With a sweet-william came in late,
While a cardinal climber, with a scarlet coat,
Welcomed all at the garden gate.

A bashful silk poppy, with crinkling gown,
Took the arm of a larkspur tall,
And galloped away with such charming grace,
She was really the belle of the ball.

A morning glory and a little tea-rose
Were partners in a gay minuet,
While a meadow-star and an orchid rare
Made up a charming set.

An ageratum, with sparkling gems,
All pinned in her frizzled hair,
With a marigold was trying to waltz,
While she flirted with a cyclamen fair,

And dainty sweet peas with phrygian caps,
Were dancing with the salvias tall,
While the foxgloves, as they tripped away,
Threw their bells o'er the garden wall.

Then the katydid's tired and the crickets too,
And the beetle-bug got very glum,
But what put an end to the flower dance
Was the tree-toad busting his drum.

night," and taking my hand, tells me in his earnest, manly way the story of his love, sweeter for one brief second than life itself.

Breathing a prayer for strength to endure, I replied in tones that hardly falter, "Dr. Wycott, this cannot be. Your friend always, I can never be more."

With his face white to the lips, he pleads with impassioned eloquence as for his very life, and for one short moment I felt my resolution wavering, when just as truly as ever to prophet of old there came to me this vision: A homeless, friendless child lying on a bed in a hospital, and kneeling beside her with a face of angelic sweetness was another child. Her life was filled with every luxury that wealth and love could devise, yet with a heart filled with tenderest love and pity for the homeless waif before her.

Then I saw this girl, rescued from a life of perhaps sin and shame, rescued beyond the shadow of a doubt from a life of grinding poverty, living in ease and wealth, educated and cultured; all because of the love and intercession of this fair girl, who now was bravely trying to hide a breaking heart.

Before the vision fades away my lover's hand is on my arm and I hear his dear voice, husky with emotion, saying, "Something tells me that my love is not in vain. Darling, tell me that it is so." I arouse myself with almost superhuman effort and say in a voice so changed that I can hardly recognize as my own, "Dr. Wycott, cannot you see that you are paining me by such words?"

Something in my voice must have given him hope, for again he pleads, "Tell me that you do not and can never learn to love me, and I will never trouble you more, but I must hear those words from your own lips."

With courage born of desperation I answer firmly, "Could I care for you and be speaking this way?" With a look on his face that burned its way through my very soul he said, "No, you could not. Forgive me. Good-by, and God bless you forever!" and vanished from my sight.

The weeks that followed I can never plainly recall. I know I went about my duties as before, but oh, what a difference there was in my life!

Stella, too, seemed to be living in a world of her own, which saved me troublesome questionings. I know that I always planned to be away or was very busy when Dr. Wycott called at the house, as he occasionally would do, and when obliged to meet him was as reserved and haughty as a young princess.

Just one year from the night which had left its traces on my very soul, Stella came softly to our room, and with her face radiantly happy, whispered to me, "I have something to show you," and held up her little hand for my inspection.

My sacrifice had not been in vain. There gleamed on her snowy finger a diamond ring of quaint design. "His dead mother's," she explained.

I took my darling in my arms and blessed her and cried over her, and the bitterness of death seemed past. I thanked God and took courage.

Yes, they were married, and Stella grieved sorely because I would not make her home my own. The most beautiful room in her house she arranged in my favorite colors and called it "Jean's room." It is mine whenever I choose to accept it, but I cannot now.

Years have passed. No longer young, I live alone, studying and teaching music; yet I am not unhappy. My beautiful Stella

is near me, and her little Jean has crept into my life so closely that it is no longer sad or lonely. I find little time for retrospection, and it is well.

In the gladness of other lives I find my highest happiness, and if often my old pain wakes and cries, even with a sore heart, I can look with brave eyes upon the future, knowing that "in the dim unknown standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

THE WAY OF THE WORLD

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone—
For this brave old earth
Must borrow its mirth,
It has trouble enough of its own.

Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, and 'tis lost on the air.
The echoes rebound
To a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;
Grieve, and they will turn and go,
They want full measure
Of all your pleasure,
But they do not want your woe.

Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all.
There are none to decline
Your nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;
Fast, and the world goes by.
Succeed and give,
And it helps you live,
But it cannot help you die.

There is room in the halls of pleasure
For a long and lordly train;
But one by one
We must all file on
Through the narrow aisles of pain."

WATER GLASS FOR PRESERVING EGGS.

One of the best methods of preserving eggs is to place them in a solution of water glass, or sodium silicate. This is a transparent liquid that looks like thin, strained honey. It covers the shell of an egg with an impervious coating of glue and prevents the entrance into the egg of bacteria-laden air, which would render the egg unfit for food. Eggs treated with water glass can be kept in good condition for nine months, provided they are perfectly fresh when placed in the solution.

Procure a five-gallon glazed earthenware crock with cover, the glazing being to prevent absorption of the solution. Buy a quart or more of sodium silicate, or water glass at the druggist's. Thoroughly rinse the inside of the crock and its cover with boiling water to kill any germ life that may be there. Boil three or four gallons of water and allow to cool. When cold, make a mixture of nine parts of this water and one part of the water glass.

Fill the crock two-thirds full with the preserving mixture. As the eggs are gathered, daily, put them into the crock. Do not keep eggs several days before putting them in the water glass, as it is very important that eggs go into the crock the day they are laid. Eggs must on no account be washed and all cracked eggs and those with very thin shells that might be broken must be discarded.

Eggs may be added daily until the crock is about three-fourths full, bearing in mind, however, that at least one inch of liquid must always be above the top layer of eggs. Place the cover on the crock and set in a moderately cool place to prevent excessive evaporation of the liquid. Examine the eggs from time to time and add more boiled water if it is needed to keep the solution an inch or more above the top layer of eggs.

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A Month of Choice Peonies

By **MISS JESSIE M. GOOD**

An unusually bitter March, a cold, dry April, with a cold, wet May, did not augur well for a fine display of peonies this spring of 1915. Indeed, many of the earlier sorts were so injured by late frosts that fears were entertained that the blooms would fall far short of the Memorial Day demand.

But at last the sun shone, and the buds that for weeks had been held in a state of coma, as it were, proved to be in exactly the right condition for forcing by the gracious sun, and burst into bloom as by magic, with the result that never before were so many fine peonies offered for sale for Memorial Day.

That the peony is destined to become the almost universal Memorial Day flower is self-evident. It is so splendid, many varieties are as fragrant as the rose, it takes so few blooms to make a showing, the buds are so susceptible of holding back in refrigeration, or of forcing under heat, that florists are coming to depend upon it as upon no other flower. While the market gardeners are growing it by thousands, and many private homes are adding a border of peonies to their prem-

if it might be that seeing so much that was imperfect in humanity, they were satisfied with the perfect, pure majesty of the flower.

For majesty it is. If the rose is queen of flowers, then is the peony the king. It has not as wide a range of colors as has the rose, but it has all the variations of reds, pinks, whites and a few with sulphur tones; many varieties have the rose fragrance strongly accented. Is not the highest type of the peony flower called the rose type, for its form is that of splendid double rose many times magnified. There is, too, such a haughty splendor about it, as if sure of its subjects' plaudits. The rose is a shrinking violet by comparison.

I receive many letters asking why peonies have not bloomed after several years' cultivation. This is not easy to answer when one cannot see with their own eyes the conditions under which they are growing.

Sometimes peonies if planted in old soil will develop a disease called nematodes. This is a disease of the roots, causing them to become gnarled and knotted.



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ises just for the profit from the cut blooms.

One customer wrote me that she had paid the spring taxes upon her property from the sale of her peony blooms; while another shrewd woman, foreseeing the possibilities in the Memorial Day demand, conceived the idea of taking orders for fall delivery of the roots, while taking her usual drives. Her success so pleased her that she asked her friends in other counties to help her, with the result that she has established a modest mail-order trade that brings her satisfactory returns for her pleasant labor. She does not grow her own peonies, but acts as agent for wholesale growers, paying her sub-agents herself.

Scarcely a garden, however modest, but has a few peonies for pleasure or profit, and I wonder sometimes if there is a psychological reason for the manner in which the peony attracts different people. For instance, doctors are almost universally fond of the flower, and an amazing number of them cultivate them for their own pleasure. I have wondered

This may sometimes be cured by removing them to clean, new soil, first cutting off as nearly as may be the diseased portion. It takes so much time, however, for such roots to become normal, that, unless it is a rare or high-priced root, I would advise destroying it by fire, and removing a good depth of soil from where it was planted, and certainly do not plant peonies near that spot. Peonies that have nematode roots cannot bloom.

Then few realize how often early frosts ruin buds that are just forming, frosts so early that the amateur is not thinking of his garden being injured; but the peony is so hardy that it is thrusting its crimson spears forth at the first hint of warmth, to lose by its haste the splendid blossom it carries. We all know to our sorrow what late frosts do to our gardens, and while I have never known peony roots to be killed by frost, it is not uncommon for a season's blooms to be frozen.

One woman asked me to stop and see her peonies and tell her why they did not bloom. I told her. They were planted

in the shade of a fence, and she had watered them with dish water until the ground was sour and soggy.

Another wrote she did not see why her peonies did not bloom, as she moved them every year. Catalogues, in the limited space one can afford to such details, aim

Sometimes I have complaint that peonies have too short a season to bloom, but I append a list that if followed will give a whole month of such splendor as to interfere with one's duties, for it is not to be expected that human beings can ignore such beauty as to stay indoors and clean house, or hasten to the office in the morning hours, when the peonies are in bloom. I defy a lover of flowers to do it.

Here is the list. I have not separated the colors; you can find descriptions in the catalogues:

The earliest peonies of their color—Duchess de Nemours, Edulis Superba, Eugene Verdier, Felix Crousse, Festiva Maxima, Floral Treasure, Golden Harvest, James Kelway, La Tulipe, Madame Calot, Monsieur Jules Elie, Umbellata Rosea.

The latest-blooming varieties—Grandiflora, L'Indispensable, L'Eclatante, Livingstone, Mathilde de Roseneck, Marie Lemoine, Perfection, Rubra Superba, Sarah Bernhardt, Alsace Lorraine.

All the vast array of fine peonies that I have not named may be classed as mid-season, and by planting your favorite color from the lists named and adding your choice from the mid-season vari-

eties, you may have such a season of glory as to make you thankful your life was prolonged to see it.



A Beautiful Peony Plant

to give a few directions, but obviously they cannot give a treatise upon each variety.

As to the sizes of peonies, the following general terms should be understood:

"Division" indicates a peony root divided until it has from two to five eyes.

"One year" indicates the divided plant, two to five eyes, planted for one year, then dug and sold to you as it comes from the ground.

"Two year" indicates the one-year plant left for two years from division undisturbed, and sold to you as it comes from the ground.

"Three year" indicates a peony grown for three years, and sold just as it comes from the ground, without division.

A peony if healthy should not be transplanted until it becomes so root-bound that it begins to bulge the ground about it; then take up and subdivide, reserving only the best. Do not expect blossoms the year following the transplanting; the second year should give some blooms, and the third year should see it in its full glory.

Peonies are so hardy they do not require protection, but they are rank feeders and quickly exhaust the soil, and the easiest way to offset this is to mulch between the rows and the ground about them in the fall just before hard freezing begins. This mulching should be old, well-rotted barn-yard manure; fresh stable manure is deadly to any tuber or bulb. This mulching enriches the soil as it leaches slowly down through winter rains and thaws, also it has a tendency to prevent too early growth, thus aiding in preserving the buds from early frosts. Do not cut bloom stems too close to the ground; the sap has a tendency to run back to the root and cause rot. Now, really, that is all there is to growing peonies.

ROSE BLIGHT.

This is caused by a parasitic growth, and spreads by spores (seeds). It is well to promptly remove and burn the affected portions as soon as they show. Recently, a mixture of lime, sulphate of copper and water, known as the Bordeaux mixture, has been very successfully used in various cases of blight, and the same might prove useful in treating affected roses. It is sprayed upon the plants about twice a month until the disease disappears. The Bordeaux mixture is made as follows: Dissolve three pounds of sulphate of copper in eight gallons of water. In another vessel slake two pounds of lime in three gallons of water. When the lime water cools, pour it into the copper solution, at the same time stirring constantly to thoroughly mix the fluids. Always stir the mixture immediately before spraying.

CLEMATIS.

Among the very popular climbing plants of the present day, the clematis has a conspicuous place. There are so many desirable kinds that it is hard to make a selection if one can only have one or two. The Jackmanii is perhaps the most commonly used, and with its mass of large, purple flowers well deserves its popularity. Another showy clematis is the Ville de Lyon, with bright red flowers; and you can find all shades of the two colors. Among the white flowering sorts we have both single and double ones; the best one being the Duchess of Edinburgh, which is both double and fragrant. But Clematis Paniculata has worthily become the most popular of all. It produces a snow-white bloom, and is very fragrant.

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HYACINTHS AND FREESIAS.

Those who wish a display of hyacinths and freesias during early winter should pot the bulbs early in the fall. Get large, sound bulbs. Place the hyacinths in the soil so that the crown will protrude above the surface, then press the soil, with the bulb, until it is firm. Do not press the bulb into the soil, but make an excavation for it. If the bulb is pressed in, the roots which come in contact with the impacted soil, in their growth, will push the bulb out, rather than penetrate the soil.

Freesia bulbs are naturally small, but only the largest-sized ones should be planted for winter blooming. Set them half an inch below the surface, and in other respects treat them the same way as the hyacinths. Do not keep the soil wet after potting, but simply moist. Place in a dark closet for three or four weeks, until roots form, then bring to the light. As the plants begin to grow, water more liberally. When blooming, give them all the water daily that the soil will hold. Drainage should be good, however, that the surplus water will drain off.

Three Roman hyacinths may be grown in a five-inch pot, and six or eight freesias. These beautiful and fragrant bulbous flowers are now almost indispensable, and every window gardener should secure and start a supply during this month.

GROWING THE CRIMSON RAMBLER.

Ten years ago I sent for a Crimson Rambler. When I received it I straightened out the roots, put it in a jar of tepid water, and set it in a dark corner to rest. I then dug a hole on the south side of the house about two feet each way and the same depth, poured in three pails of water, and let that stand until morning. I then took garden soil and filled in until the plant would be about two inches deeper than when taken up. Then I set it on the loose dirt, straightened out the roots, covered them about six inches and watered well; then filled in dirt, pressing it quite firmly, leaving it a little lower around the plant, and drove a shingle down on the northwest side, to protect from the afternoon sun.

I kept the ground dug up loose and watered it quite freely once a week, as in Nebraska we get few rains that come from the south. I only water plants of any kind in early morning or late evening.

In about three weeks it began to send out shoots, until there were seven. Three of them made a growth of ten feet, the others from three to seven feet. When the leaves fell I put a box two feet square around it, and filled it with dead leaves. During the winter I watered occasionally. I left the box there until it began to leaf out, and just kept on with the same treatment the next year. Well, it began to bud and bloom and was certainly a Crimson Rambler, full of beautiful large clusters from the ground clear to the top, and was admired by many. I commenced sending out more shoots, then I could see that my trellis was too small. I kept the new growth separate, and when it was

through blooming cut out the first year's growth, made a larger trellis, and the next year it was blooms and more blooms. And it has been so each year, with about the same care.—Mrs. J. W. Farster, Nebraska.

A ROSE HEDGE.

I have a hedge of beautiful roses, such as Mrs. John Lang, Clio, Paul Neyron, Soile de Or, Frau Karl Druschki, Prince Camille de Rohan, Marshal P. Wilder and Caroline Merenese.

My method of preparing for a hedge of roses is to dig a trench as long as I wish to have my hedge, about sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep. Place in the bottom of this trench a generous supply of well-rotted manure; on top of the manure put some good earth with clay mixture. Having previously ordered my roses, the trench is ready when they arrive, to plant at once, about April 15th. During the spring and summer months I use the following fertilizer: Take bones from meat that has not been salted, such as fowls, and fresh meats from the butcher. Break them in small pieces, place quite a lot in an earthen jar, cover with a solution of strong lye, add a little soot, and stir thoroughly. It will become a sort of mush. Place a teaspoonful of this mixture in a gallon of water, and apply to the soil about the plants twice a week.

Nitrogen, phosphoric acid, potash, lime and other essentials are secured from such a mixture. Should a branch come from below the graft, it should be taken off or the common rose would soon predominate. Nearly all choice rose bushes have olive-green leaves on the stem, while the common kinds and moss roses have seven. Rose bushes should be sprayed early in the season. My roses are large and beautiful and have an abundance of bloom. The foliage is glossy and perfect.—Mrs. H. R. Charles, Wisconsin.

THE BEAUTIFUL FUCHSIA.

A year ago last April I sent for some plants. Among them was a fuchsia, white with red center. When it came it was about five inches high. I potted it in rich garden soil, with some well-rotted manure mixed through it, and charcoal in the bottom of the pot for drainage. I set the pot in the shade for a few days, then brought it to the light. It seemed to start to grow from the first, and it just grew and grew. I kept it clean and free from dust, watered it when it needed it, and then gave it a good drink. In February the buds got chilled, as the fire went out, and they all dropped off, but the plant was not hurt; more new shoots started out along the main stem, and by Easter it was full of big bunches of buds and blossoms. My! but it sure was a beauty. My husband made me a ladder two feet high for it to train on. By the first fall I had to tie two sticks three feet long to the sides of the ladder and then crossed a string back and forth for a second ladder. When it was a year old it was a solid mass of green and blossoms. This last summer it fell over and was broken off, so I cut it all off, and now it is in a fair way to rival the first plant.—Mrs. B. W. Postlenwait, Iowa.

A LOVER OF ROSES.

In February of last year I got five roses and The Household Journal for twenty cents, and four roses from Jessie M. Good. I received them during a cold, wet spell. I made a bed and spaded it well. The soil was ordinary clay, but to this I added well-rotted cow manure and carefully spaded it in. I stuck the tiny plants in the soil, which I pressed firmly around them, and covered each plant with

a glass jar, and left them covered for about two weeks, until the sun came warm in early March. Then I commenced to stir the soil gently and the roses started to grow, and, oh! how they did grow.

Some had mildew. These I sprinkled with flour of sulphur, which cured them. By the first of June I had large bushes full of buds and flowers. The last of June a terrible drought and hot wind set in. I stirred the soil and covered the bed close to the plants with straw and manure, and watered daily at sunset. They grew and bloomed beautifully through the drought. When the September rains came, what lovely long buds and big flowers! They were admired by friends and wondered at by strangers. This is the second of December, and strange as it may seem, there are perfect buds on some of them. I have many fine flowers, but my great success is the rose bed.—Mrs. James Rice, Oklahoma.

GROWING CARNATIONS IN A GREEN-HOUSE.

Growing carnations is not as hard as it is said to be. I will try to describe the way I have succeeded in growing them best. First mix the soil in long mounds in the fall and leave it lay till spring, and then turn it twice and leave it lay about a week, and then wheel it into the benches and mix with a thick covering of bone meal, then level it off, and you are ready for the plants.

I plant them about eight inches apart each way and then run wires lengthways between each plant and tighten. Then I use strong string and weave it across, tying it to each wire, leaving an eight-inch square for the plants to come up through. To keep the stems straight, put on two more wires about seven inches apart and weave the same as the first. Then all there is to be done is to keep watering it—not too much, or it will rot the roots. The best plant there is now is the Peerless Pink. It will bear between nineteen and twenty-two flowers apiece, and they sell for one dollar a dozen, and the cuttings when rooted will sell for fifty or sixty dollars a thousand.—Harry Rohmer, Morris, Ill.

BEST SUCCESS WITH PANSIES.

While I have had splendid success with all my flowers, I have surely succeeded with my pansies beyond all expectation. There is no flower, to my mind, so lovely and so wise-looking, or that cheers the sick or so pleases the children, as these dear face flowers. I have given many bunches of these to the sick, and they always seem to cheer and give new hope. They are superior to carry to church, banked up in a deep dish, and the preacher as well as others are gladdened. Pansies are the first to make their appearance in spring, as they are often seen sticking their bright faces out of the snow, so eager they seem to be to say that spring is here. They are easily grown. Pulverize carefully rich garden soil, and with it plenty of love and care. Sow the best seeds you can get. Keep clean from weeds. Soon they begin to bloom. The first flowers are not so large, but I never fail to have pansies during the whole summer and autumn. In fall protect with evergreen bushes and light rubbish.—Mrs. Reuben Barnes, Michigan.

GERANIUM THE FAVORITE.

I have had better success with geraniums this summer than with any of my flowers. I took them, when almost dead, out of their former pots, and cut the tops

off, and part of the roots. Then I put the roots back in pots of new dirt, and the branches I set in the ground on the south side of the house. Very much to my surprise, the branches grew, and all were full of lovely blossoms a good part of the summer. The roots are doing nicely. Some have grown more than a foot high and are blooming. I changed them in May, had flowers through the summer, and now can look forward to them blooming in winter.—Nellie Chadd, California.

GROWING ZINNIAS.

This year my zinnias are the best, as I had to plant on newly broken prairie land. They will grow where others fail. I use wood ashes, as it helps to loosen the ground and the colors of different flowers are much brighter and prettier. I use barn-yard manure for fertilizer. It is

better than the commercial fertilizer. Then in the dry season I give them plenty of water every evening, and sometimes in the morning. I keep the ground loose with plenty of "working with the hoe." Don't depend on luck. It takes considerable work, which I enjoy very much.—Mrs. A. N. Bogart, Texas.

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Myrtle—Romulo Pena, Texas—For different varieties of the myrtle the writer would refer you to the Biltmore Nurseries, of Biltmore, N. C. They carry many things for experimental purposes which do not find sufficient sale to be carried by other florists and nurserymen, and the writer thinks that you probably can get from them anything desired in this line.

Red Spider on Sweet Peas—Martha Ketcham, New York—A remedy can easily be secured for this trouble by spraying frequently with any of the standard soap insecticides. It is necessary that the under side of the foliage be reached. The red spider will thrive only under dry conditions, and constant dampness will rid the plants of them.

To Kill Wood Lice—Mrs. C. F. Stevenson, Maine—Wood lice or commonly called sow bugs are generally destroyed by poison baits made by dipping pieces of potatoes, turnips, carrots, etc., into Paris green and water, one part Paris green to fifty parts of water, or by using arsenic of lead and water, one part to twenty-five. These bugs will locate in any damp place where wooden boxes are allowed to remain for any length of time.

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Removing Nasturtium Leaves—Mrs. A. Gehler, Missouri—The unusual wet season with possibly the introduction of fertilizer in some form in the nasturtium bed accounts for the extra large leaves. You need have no hesitancy in trimming up the plants as desired any way to the extent of clipping such foliage as hides the flowers. As the season changes to a little more normal and the plants get a better proportion of sun, the flowers will be larger and more showy.

Soil for Chrysanthemums—W. M. Murray, Indiana—Good soil for chrysanthemums would be a well-rotted sod or unrotted sod cut fine of rich soil from a cultivated corn, potato or grain field mixed with two parts of horse or sheep manure. To a bushel of this mixture add about one quart of bone meal. Put this through a good mixing process once a week for two or three times, so that the soil may be broken up fine and the fertilizer and soil tempered together.

Green Scum on Geranium Soil and Pots—Miss Phebe E. Mills, New York—Remove the scum from the soil with any convenient implement, and wash the pots, using hot water and a stiff brush or piece of burlap. After this operation, stir the surface of the soil in the pots. Later, if growth is making progress, give the geraniums liquid fertilizer, using cow manure, one bushel, or sheep manure, one-half bushel, in fifty gallons of water, or nitrate of soda at the rate of one teaspoonful to three gallons of water.

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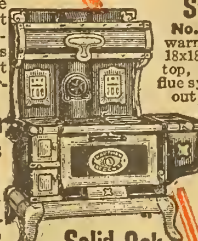


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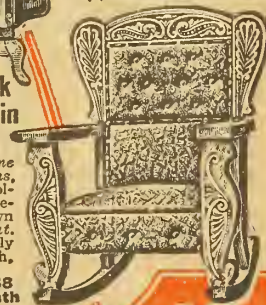
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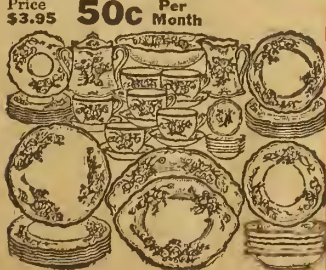
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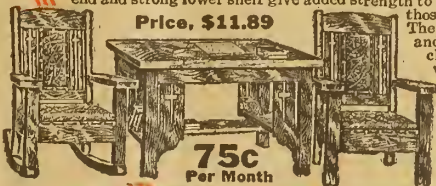
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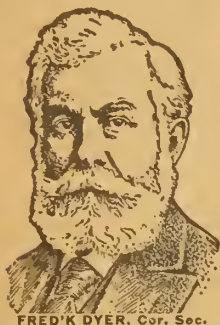
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By Charles W. Pickett
Editor of the New Haven (Conn.) Leader

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We are sure our Sunshine members and readers will appreciate this beautiful tribute as written by Mr. Pickett. It certainly portrays the attitude of the real Sunshine person, who goes quietly about doing good. We know from experience

about our Xenia Branch that the members are constantly doing some cheery act, yet the outside world does not know it. We must tell you of one beautiful act these Sunshiners are doing, and that is, converting the Potters' Field into a Sunshine Cemetery. An order for a cement archway has been given. On this arch will be the one word, "Sunshine," made in cement. At the bottom of each post crimson ramblers are planted to twine around. On June 17th the members held services and then covered each grave with roses. This day is known as Rose Day. They started this work last year, and have planted flower beds and hardy flowers. The Sunshiners have created an interest in this work and the Cemetery Board and Superintendent are assisting the Sunshiners in making this plot beautiful.

It is hoped other Societies will think about this kind of work and perhaps more "Sunshine Cemeteries" can be started. It takes away the harsh feeling from those who cannot afford to buy a lot, to know that when they are buried here that the grass will be cut, flowers planted and that "some one really cares." No wonder persons have a horror of being buried in a Potters' Field. As a rule this plot is not even mown, much less flowers planted, and we know of many, many graves that have been so neglected that wooden markers have been misplaced and many are lying in unknown graves. God did not intend us to forget our fellow-men in such a way.

WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

Cheer has been asked for Mrs. H. Fearrington, 635 Beach Street, Pine Bluff, Ark. She is suffering from pellagra.

The name of Mrs. Ida Furman has been sent to us for cheer. She would enjoy letters and silk pieces. Her address is 486 Court Street, Binghamton, N. Y.

Here are the names of two ladies from Pine Bluff, Ark., who need cheer. Mrs. E. F. Price, 1105 Cherry Street, has tuberculosis. Mrs. S.

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E. Riley, 1316 State Street, has been confined to her bed for several years.

Little Ethel Toussaint, 107 South Walnut Street, Pine Bluff, Ark., has been a shut-in for several years. She has no use of her limbs. She has done some nice painting by holding the brush with her teeth. She needs cheer.

Miss Mary Ellen Willis, of Barnesville, Ga., R. F. D. 3, makes an appeal for help. She has never walked a step in her life. Only weighs forty-five pounds. She lives in the country and gets very lonesome. She lives with her brother. Her parents are dead. She is too feeble to make much fancy work now and is in need of money for many things.

Have you any cheery books or magazines that would cheer a suffering shut-in? If you have, please send to Mrs. Jeanne Earle dos Passos, 1465 Cooper Street, Augusta, Ga. This patient sufferer has a birthday August 28th, when she will be 75 years old. Be sure to remember her. Her daughter, Miss Agnes Alexander, does beautiful net work for their living. An order would be appreciated. She makes insertions, collar and cuff sets, yokes, etc. Write to her for prices, sending a stamp.

Miss Cleone Moore, of Hampton, Fla., is a young girl only 15 years old, who takes care of an invalid mother. This young girl has never had but three weeks of school in all her life, as she has had to be housekeeper, nurse and even dressmaker since ten years old. Her mother is helpless with rheumatism. Her father took sick about a year ago with tuberculosis and died. They have a small place, and give a man half for raising the crops, also give him his board and washing. They certainly need cheer and any help offered. This dear girl says she cries hours at a time about her father being taken away. So much depends on her. And she is sick much of the time. It is a sad case indeed.

Mr. Earl H. Craft, of Paris, Mo., Box 251, wishes our readers to know that he would appreciate any help sent. We wrote to him that some one had complained because they sent to him for a magazine and it had never come. Mr. Craft says he is very sorry this happened, for he is always prompt to fill every order. The only way he can account for this mistake is because there are persons by the same name living in the same place. And he had a cousin named "Earl," who moved away from Paris, and had his mail transferred. So it may be in this way is the reason the magazine failed to come. This young shut-in has both limbs amputated. He wants a wheel-chair that works by lever power. The only way he can get around now is on his hands and by drawing his body along the ground. Any one wishing to help him might write to his doctor, Dr. E. P. Nesbitt, Gaynor, Mo., who will be very glad to answer any questions. Here is a fine idea for special Branch work. Give some form of an entertainment to buy him a chair. We can get you a chair at wholesale price.

APPRECIATION.

Miss Mate C. Phinney, North Syracuse, N. Y., is grateful to each one for letters of cheer and comfort, dimes and other gifts.

By some mistake we neglected to acknowledge the receipt of \$1.00, through the Journal, for the Gieve Fund. It was sent from "A Well Wisher," Maplelawn, Ill. We regret this; however, it was much appreciated.

Mrs. B. A. Berry, 124 West Piedmont Street, Keyser, W. Va., wishes to thank every one who has sent her cheer. She would be pleased if Miss Rose Watts, Wilmington, Ohio, would write to her. Her letters are returned for lack of street number.

Miss Mary Ellen Willies, Barnesville, Ga., R. F. D. 3, is grateful to all for any orders sent to her for her work. She makes crochet bags and baskets at 25 cents and 50 cents each. She needs crochet cotton, No. 20, 30 and 40. Could use some colored cotton.

Miss Julia Bennett, 56 Catherine Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., thanks all who sent her orders for her work. She hopes more orders will come. She is a great sufferer and has to support herself and mother. She will send you a price and list of her work if you send her a stamp.

Mr. Arthur Whitt, Piedmont, S. C., R. F. D. 3, is always grateful for any favor shown him. He asks us to ask for tobacco tags from Sigget Myers Tobacco Co., as he is trying to get a phonograph. He lacks about one thousand of having the number. We hesitated about asking for this favor, but perhaps there are many who use tobacco, so the tags might as well be saved as thrown away, and help this shut-in to obtain the phonograph.

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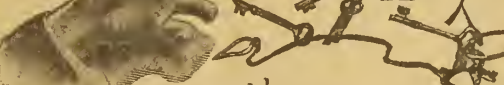
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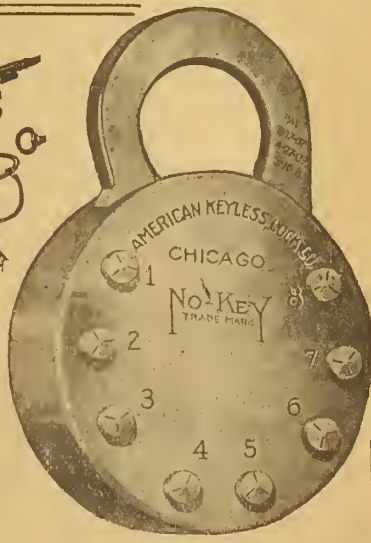
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HER ANSWER.

I studied my tables over and over, and backward and forward, too, But I couldn't remember six times nine, and I didn't know what to do, Till sister told me to play with my doll and not bother my head. "If you call her 'Fifty-four' for a while, you'll learn it by heart," she said.

So I took my favorite, Mary Ann (though I thought 'twas a dreadful shame To give such a perfectly lovely child such a perfectly horrid name), And I called her dear little "Fifty-four" a hundred times, till I knew The answer of six times nine as well as the answer of two times two.

Next day Elizabeth Wigglesworth, who always acts so proud, Said, "Six times nine are fifty-two," and I nearly laughed aloud! But I wished I hadn't when teacher said, "Now, Dorothy, tell if you can." For I thought of my doll, and—sakes alive!—I answered, "Mary Ann!"

COOKERY OF STRONG-FLAVORED VEGETABLES.

The many people who believe they cannot eat cabbage, cauliflower, onions and turnips without suffering from indigestion, and the many others who do not like these strong-flavored vegetables, which are very valuable in the diet, should change their method of cooking them, suggests Miss Oberlin, of Colorado Agricultural College.

Use a large quantity of water in proportion to the quantity of vegetable to be cooked. To prepare creamed cabbage, cut the cabbage, not too fine, with a knife. Have two quarts of slightly salted boiling water boiling rapidly, add one quart of coarsely-cut cabbage. Boil, uncovered, until the cabbage is tender when tried with a fork. Drain at once and add one cupful of medium white sauce. The mixture may then be placed in a well-buttered baking dish, covered with buttered crumbs and browned in a moderate oven.

Onions, cauliflower and turnips may be prepared in the same way. Small onions should be boiled whole, larger ones cut in quarters; cauliflower may be left in the head or broken into smaller pieces; and turnips should be cut in cubes.

The advantages of this method of cooking are: The vegetable stays white or pale green in color, the odor in the house is not disagreeable, the flavor is much better, and the food more easily digested than when a covered kettle or fireless cooker is used.

WHEN AND HOW TO CLEAN KITCHEN RANGE.

The best time to clean the range is after the fire is laid, but before it is lighted. Wash the top of the range with warm soapsuds, wipe dry, and with a dauber apply a mixture of powdered graphite and soapy water to all parts not highly polished. Stove polishes have graphite as a basis.

Rub to a dull finish with the blacking brush, then light the fire, and as the iron becomes warm polish every part of the iron with a stove mitten. No blackening will rub off on the cooking utensils if the work has been well done. During the day keep the top of the range clean by rubbing with soft paper.

If any of the parts of the range are unfortunately of nickel, these should be polished with a whiting mixture, leaving it on until it is dry, and then polishing with a soft cloth.

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HOW TO REMOVE STAINS.

It is, as a rule, very much easier to remove stains from washable than from non-washable materials. With the lather it is always well to keep the spot confined to as small a space as possible, to rub as gently as possible, and with the threads of the material, not in a circle. To prevent a ring on silk or wool, first make a ring of cornstarch or talcum or flour just outside the stain, then apply what is needed to take out the stain. The ring of talcum or cornstarch will absorb the cleaning agent so that the ring will be very indistinct as compared to what it would have been if this precaution had not been taken.

To remove blood and fruit stains, moisten carefully with warm water, then absorb the stain with cornstarch or cornmeal or talcum. If a ring appears, the whole garment may need sponging and pressing.

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As I my task begin—
My Lord to me new threads has brought,
And bids me "weave them in."

Sometimes he gives me threads of gold,
To brighten up the day;
Then somber tints, so bleak and cold,
That change the gold to gray.
And so my shuttle swiftly flies,
With threads both gold and gray;
And on I toil till daylight dies,
And fades in night away.

Oh, when my day of toil is o'er,
And I shall cease to spin,
He'll open wide my Father's door
And bid me rest within.
When safe at home in heavenly light,
How clearly I shall see
That every thread, the dark, the bright,
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Household economies

One of the most important duties of the housekeeper is to "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost," and at the same time not have these small economies too conspicuous. With a little care, every scrap of stale bread can be made available. All the crusts and small pieces should be spread on a pan and dried slowly in a warm oven, or on the stove shelf is better, as then there is no danger of the bread being forgotten and burned. When the pieces are perfectly dry, put them on the bread board and roll them until very fine. Put them away in a glass fruit jar in a dry place. They will keep for months, and can be used for puddings, for breading meats, fish, croquettes, etc., or for thickening soups. I always keep the Graham bread crumbs separate from the white ones, as they are best for puddings and not so good for breading, because they will burn quicker. If you have a quantity of slices of dry bread, dip them quickly, one at a time, in a bowl of cold water and put in one layer on a dripping pan; set the pan in a hot oven for about ten minutes, when they will be brown and crisp, and should be served at once on a warm plate. Stale rolls or a loaf of stale bread can be made equal to new if sprinkled with a little cold water, put in a deep pan, covered, and set in a moderately hot oven. Ten minutes is long enough for rolls to heat; a loaf will require fifteen minutes, and when cool, will cut like a fresh loaf.

When table cloths are worn too much for use as such, the best parts may be cut into table napkins and will last full long enough to pay for the trouble of making. They make good picnic napkins, or for the children to carry to school. Last week I made two carving cloths from a partly-worn table cloth, cutting them with a stripe of the red border on one side and stitching a stripe on the other three sides, mitering the corners and raveling a fringe about an inch in depth all around. When done, starched and ironed, I felt quite proud of them.

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Chicken salad

Take the white meat of a cold, boiled chicken, three-quarters of the same bulk of chopped celery, two hard-boiled eggs, one raw egg, one teaspoonful each of made mustard, salt and pepper, three tablespoonfuls of white sugar, one-half teaspoonful of vinegar. Mince the chicken well, removing all fat, skin and gristle; cut the celery into pieces half an inch long. Mix the chicken and celery together and set it in a cool place while you prepare the dressing. Rub the yolks of the eggs to a fine powder, add the salt, pepper and sugar, then put in the oil, a drop at a time, rubbing it well into the egg each time. After the oil is all in, add the mustard. Beat the raw egg to a froth and stir it in, then add the vinegar, slowly beating the dressing all the time. Pour the dressing over the salad, tossing it with a silver fork until it is thoroughly mixed. Turn it into the salad bowl, cut the whites of the eggs into rings and lay them over the top.

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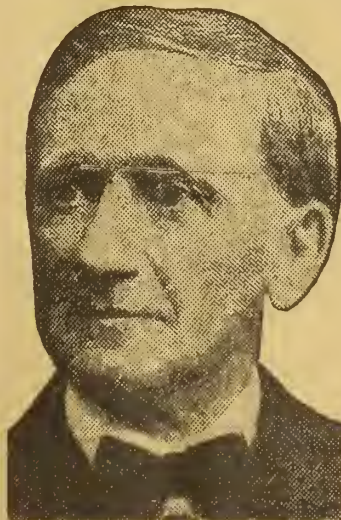
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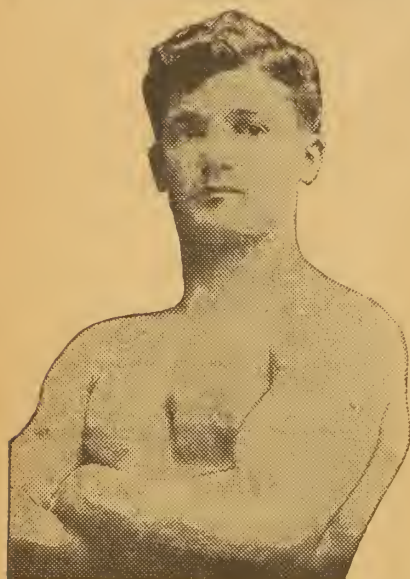
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Potato Chips—Peel and cut a half-dozen potatoes into chips and place them in cold water. Heat some fat until smoking. Dry the chips and place them in the frying basket. Lower them gently and slowly into the fat and fry until the fat is chilled. Remove the basket and reheat the fat; then lower the chips a second time and fry until a golden-brown and nicely crisped.

Baked Eggs, Madrid Style—Make a cupful of thick tomato sauce, or chop the canned or stewed tomato fine without straining it, seasoning it with onion juice, salt and pepper. Mix with this a couple of link sausages that have been cooked and chopped into small pieces; pour the mixture into a dish and break upon it as many eggs as the space will allow without crowding; set in the oven and cook until the whites of the eggs are firm.

Scalloped Onions—Boil three large onions until just tender, drain them and slice them thinly in rings. Butter quickly some scallop shells and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Place a layer of sliced onion in the shells, sprinkle with crumbs, and so on until the shells are well piled up, the last layer to be bread crumbs. On these place some pieces of butter. Put into the oven for almost twenty minutes until nicely browned on top. Serve hot in the shells.

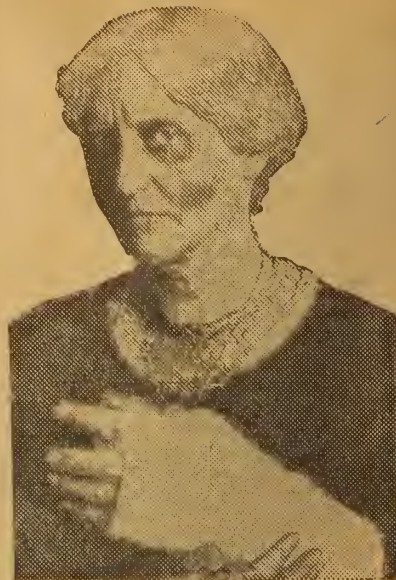
Pickled Peaches—Boil two pounds of brown sugar, two cupfuls of vinegar and one ounce of stick cinnamon, broken in pieces, twenty minutes. Dip one-half peck of peaches separately in hot water. Then rub off the fur with a towel. Stick each peach with four cloves. Put into syrup and cook until soft, using one-half the peaches at a time. Pickled pears may be made by following the recipe for pickled peaches, using pears in the place of peaches.

Apple Sauce Gingerbread—Cream one cupful of sugar and one-half cupful of shortening together. Break one egg into it and beat; add three-fourths cupful of molasses, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one-fourth cupful of water, one and one-half cupfuls of flour with one-half teaspoonful of ginger and one-half teaspoonful of cloves sifted in it. Spread half the batter in a pan and put a teaspoonful of thick apple sauce over it two inches apart. Cover with the remaining batter, sprinkle a teaspoonful of sugar over the top, and bake.

Apple Fritters—Mix and sift one and one-third cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt. Add gradually, while stirring constantly, two-thirds of a cupful of milk and one egg well beaten. Wipe, core, pare and cut two medium-sized sour apples into eighths, then slice the eighths and stir into the batter. Drop by the spoonful into hot deep fat and fry until delicately browned; drain on brown paper and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Baked Custard—Four cupfuls of scalded milk, four to six eggs, one-half cupful of sugar, one-quarter teaspoonful of salt, few gratings of nutmeg. Beat the eggs slightly, add the sugar and salt, pour on slowly the scalded milk; strain in buttered mould, set in a pan of hot water. Sprinkle with nutmeg, and bake in a slow oven until firm, which may be readily determined by running a silver knife through the custard; if the knife comes out clean, the custard is done. During the baking, be sure that the water surrounding the mould does not reach the boiling point, or the custard will whey.

Spiced Red Plum Marmalade—Select the Lombard or wild red plums. Wash and remove the stones, then place in a granite or enamel kettle and add enough water just to show through the top of the fruit. Boil, being careful not to let the plums settle and scorch. When soft, rub through a collander; measure and use an equal amount of sugar. Make a spice bag and let the plum pulp and spices cook for fifteen minutes, then add half of the sugar and cook twenty minutes, or until the fruit begins to thicken. Then stir in the rest of the sugar and continue to cook until a little cooled on a saucer begins to thicken. Be sure to cook long enough, as the marmalade should be quite stiff when cold. Have scalded glasses ready, and when partly cooled remove the bag; then fill the glasses not quite to the rim. Set aside and cover with a clean paper until the top has become stiff (from one to two days), then melt some paraffin and pour on enough to cover. When cold put on the top of the glass or tie a paper over. (This is very nice with cold meat or fowl.)



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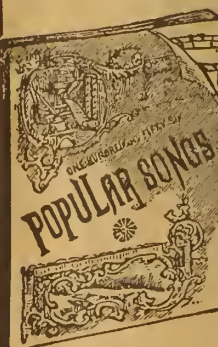
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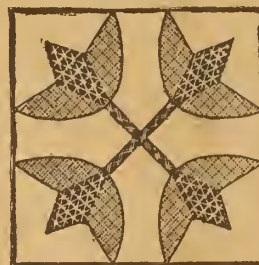


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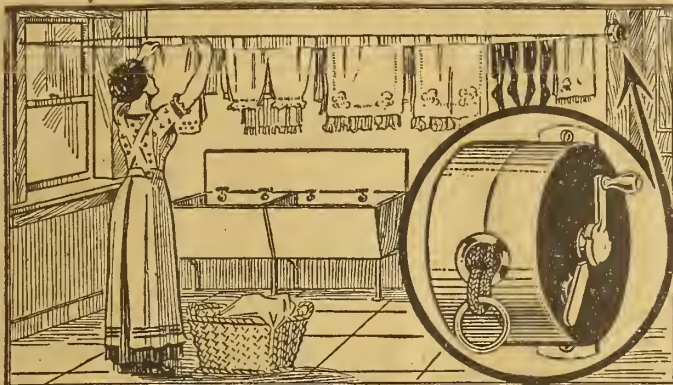
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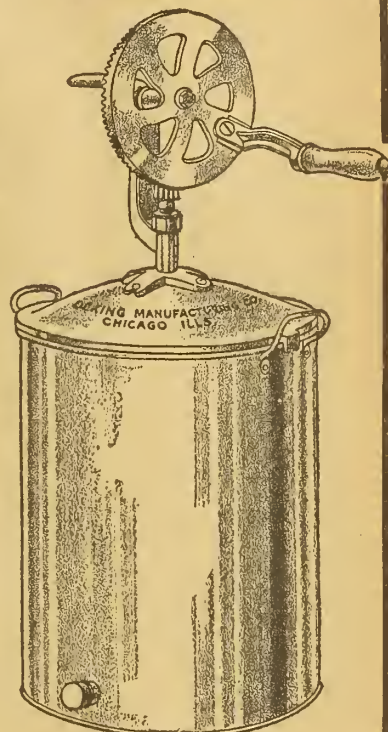
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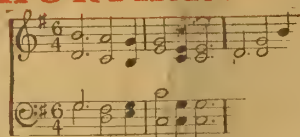
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The Influence of Example

Children are naturally imitative, and their earliest actions and thoughts are copied from those with whom they are most closely associated. This should be a lesson to mothers, so that their manner of speech and every action bear the stamp of modesty and refinement. Little folks are quicker to observe than they are usually given credit of being, and the most earnest and oft-repeated injunctions on good and polite behavior go for naught if the actions and manners of those who instruct are in direct opposition to their teachings. Children will do as they see others do much more readily than do as they are taught in mere words. Example is the controlling principle and goes farther in training children than all the precepts that can be set forth, and the future life of the child takes most of its essence from the atmosphere of the home influence.

Our Very Own Things

Home happiness depends on the exercise of mutual kindness, in the practice of which there is abundant matter for self-denial. Over and over again cases occur in which two members of a family cannot both avail themselves of an offered pleasure; these occasions present the opportunity of foregoing our own gratification for that of another. Children should be taught by a wise mother from the very first, to exercise such self-denial, such early discipline and training is absolutely necessary for the future happiness of the family. Kindness is better shown in little things than in great, and is more meritorious when shown to our own than when exercised toward strangers. Little things go through the day with us all, large and small. Life is made up of little things; every moment, every hour has its little things; and the child who is taught to be kind and unselfish will learn to be courteous in everything. Let each member of a family seek to make the others happy by putting himself or herself to the little inconveniences which consideration toward others may demand. If one is considerate toward the other, others will love that one and be considerate in turn. A mother's example in this kindness will act like leaven and permeate the family circle. Let home, then, be the favorite scene of amiability. Our near and dear ones have the best claim upon us, and love, if real, which begins at home, will diffuse itself abroad.

Value of a True Friend

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Ol' Man Reeves' Daughter

By L. M. MONTGOMERY

"DAY after tomorrow; day after tomorrow," said Ol' Man Reeves, rubbing his long, slender hands together gleefully. "I have to keep saying it over and over so's to really believe it. It just seems too good to be true that I'm to have Blossom again. And everything is ready. Yes, I think everything is ready except a bit of cooking. Won't this orchard be a surprise to her! I'm just going to bring her out here as soon as I can, never saying a word. I'll fetch her through the spruce lane, and when we come to the end of the path I'll step back casual-like, and let her go out from under the trees alone, never suspecting. It'll be worth ten times the trouble to see her big brown eyes open wide and hear her say, 'Oh, daddy! Why, daddy!'"

He rubbed his hands again, and laughed softly to himself. He was a tall, bent old man, whose hair was snow-white, but whose face was fresh and rosy. His eyes were a boy's eyes, large, blue and merry, and his mouth had never got over a youthful trick of smiling at any provocation. "Ol' Man Reeves" was the best-loved man in Idle Cove, although he had not a relative in it—nor in the world, except his daughter, Sara, who had been gone from Idle Cove for three years.

To be sure, Idle Cove would have frankly admitted that he had faults. It would have said that he was "shiftless," and had let his bit of a farm run out while he potted with flowers and bugs or rambled about in the woods or read books along the shore. Perhaps it was true; but the old farm yielded him a living, and further than that Ol' Man Reeves had no ambition. He enjoyed life. He had always enjoyed life, and had helped others to enjoy it; consequently he was loved, and his life was a success, whatever Idle Cove might think of it.

The orchard of which he was so proud was as yet little more than the substance of things hoped for—a flourishing plantation of young trees which would amount to something later on. Ol' Man Reeves' house was out of sight over the hill. It was on the crest of a bare, sunny slope, with a few stanch old firs behind it, in full sweep of the winds that came across the sea from the northwest and the east. Fruit trees would never grow near it, and this had been a great grief to Sara. "Oh, daddy, if we could just have an orchard!" she had been wont to say, wistfully, when other farm houses in Idle Cove were smothered whitely in apple bloom. And when she had gone away, and her father had nothing to look forward to save her return, he was determined that she should find an orchard when she came back.

Over the south hill, warmly sheltered by spruce woods, and sloping to the sunshine, was a little field so fertile that all the slack management of a lifetime had not availed to exhaust it. Here Ol' Man Reeves set out his orchard and saw it flourish, watching and tending it until he came to know each tree like a child and loved them every one. His neighbors laughed at him, and said that the fruit of

an orchard so far away from the house would all be stolen; but as yet there was no fruit, and when the time for bearing came there would be enough and to spare. "Blossom and me'll get all we want, and the boys can have the rest," said unworldly, unbusinesslike Ol' Man Reeves.

On his way back home he found a rare fern in the woods, and dug it up for Sara—she had loved ferns. He planted it at the shady, sheltered end of the house, and then sat down on the old stone bench, formed of three red sandstone slabs from the shore, to read her last letter—the letter that was only a note, because she was coming home soon. He knew every word of it by heart, but that did not spoil the pleasure of reading it over every half-hour.

Ol' Man Reeves had not married until late in life, and had, so Idle Cove folks said, selected a wife with his usual judgment—that is to say, no judgment at all;

AUTUMN TIME

There's something in the burnin' of the sun as
he goes down
That's hintin' of the turnin' of the leaves to
gold an' brown;
An' the air's a-gittin' clearer in the valley an'
the plain,
For the autumn's drawin' nearer with its sun-
shine an' its rain.

You can see the blue smoke curlin' from a hun-
dred happy huts,
An' can hear the sudden droppin' of the ripen-
in' hickory nuts;
An' the days are feelin' softer, an' the nights
are growin' chill,
An' the woods are now delightin' in the little
whippoorwill.

Oh, the autumn time's a-comin', an' it's happy
on the way,
For the days are now a mixture of the sum-
mer an' the May;
An' the world will soon be dreamin' where the
dreams are sweetest—best,
An' the mountains an' her valleys sing the songs
o' peace an' rest.

otherwise he would never have married Sara Marwood, a mere slip of a girl, with big brown eyes like a frightened wood-creature's and the delicate, fleeting bloom of a spring May flower. "The last woman in the world for a farmer's wife—no strength or get-up about her." Neither could Idle Cove folks understand what on earth Sara Marwood married him for. "Well, the fool crop was the only one that never failed."

Ol' Man Reeves—he was Ol' Man Reeves even then, although he was only forty—and his girl-bride had troubled themselves not at all about Idle Cove opinions. They had one year of perfect happiness, which is always worth living for even if the rest of life be a dreary pilgrimage, and then Ol' Man Reeves found himself alone again with little Blossom. She was christened Sara, after her dead mother, but she was always Blossom to her father—the precious little blossom whose plucking had cost the mother her life.

Her mother's people, especially a wealthy aunt in a distant city, had wanted

to take the child, but Ol' Man Reeves grew almost fierce over the suggestion. He would give his baby to no one. A woman was hired to look after the house, but it was the father who cared for the baby in the main. He was as tender and faithful and deft as a woman. Sara never missed a mother's care, and she grew up into a creature of life and light and beauty, a constant delight to all who knew her. She had all the charming characteristics of both parents, with a resilient vitality and activity which had pertained to neither of them. When she was ten years old she packed all hiredlings off, and kept house for her father for six delightful years—years in which they were father and daughter, brother and sister, and "chums." Sara never went to school, but her father saw to her education after a fashion of his own. When their work was done they lived in the woods and fields, in the little garden they had made on the sheltered side of the house, or on the shore, where sunshine and storm were equally lovely and beloved. Never was comradeship more perfect or more wholly satisfying. "Just wrapped up in each other," said Idle Cove folks, half enviously, half disapprovingly.

When Sara was sixteen the wealthy aunt aforesaid pounced down on Idle Cove in a glamor of fashion and culture and outer-worldliness. She bombarded Ol' Man Reeves with such arguments that he had to succumb. It was a sin and a shame that a girl like Sara should grow up in a place like Idle Cove, "with no advantages and no education."

"At least let me give my dear sister's child what I would have given to my own daughter if I had had one," she pleaded. "Let me take her with me, and send her to a good school for a few years; then, if she wishes, she may come back to you, of course." But privately the aunt did not believe for a moment that Sara would want to come back to Idle Cove and her queer old father after three years of the life she would give her.

Ol' Man Reeves yielded. Sara herself did not want to go, and protested and pleaded; but her father, having become convinced that it was best for her to go, was inexorable. Everything, even her own feelings, must give way to that consideration. But she was to come back to him when her "schooling" was done, without let or hindrance. It was only on having this clearly understood that Sara would consent to go at all. Her last words, called back to her father out of her tears as she and her aunt drove down the lane, were, "I'll be back, daddy; in three years I'll be back. Don't cry, but just look forward to that."

He had looked forward to it through the three lonely years that followed, in all of which he never saw his darling. Almost a continent was between them, and the aunt had vetoed vacation visits. But every week brought its letter from Sara. Ol' Man Reeves had every one of them, tied up with one of her old blue ribbons, and kept in her mother's little rosewood

cabinet in the parlor. He spent every Sunday afternoon re-reading them with her photograph before him. He lived alone, refusing to be pestered with hired help, but he kept the house in beautiful order. "A better housekeeper than farmer," said Idle Cove folks. He would have nothing altered. When Sara came back she was not to be hurt by changes. It never occurred to him that she might be changed herself.

And now the long three years had gone, and Sara was coming home. She wrote him nothing of her aunt's pleadings and reproaches and tears; she wrote only that she would graduate in June and start for home a week later. Ol' Man Reeves went about in a state of beatitude making ready for her home-coming. As he sat on the bench in the mellow sunshine, with the blue sea crinkling and sparkling down at the foot of the green slope, he reflected with satisfaction that all was in perfect order. There was nothing left to do save count the hours until that beautiful, longed-for day after tomorrow.

The red roses were out in bloom. Sara had loved those red roses—they were as vivid as herself, with all her own fullness of life and joy in living. Besides these, a miracle had happened in Ol' Man Reeves' garden. In one corner was a Scotch rose bush that had never bloomed, despite all the coaxing they had given it—the "sulky rose bush," Sara had called it. Lo! this summer the rose bush had flung the hoarded sweetness of years into plentiful white blossoms like shallow ivory cups filled with a strange, spicy, haunting fragrance. It was in honor of Sara's home-coming, so Ol' Man Reeves liked to fancy. All things, even the roses, knew she was coming home, and were making glad because of it.

He was gloating over Sara's letter when Mrs. Walters came. She told him she had run up to see how he was getting on, and if he wanted anything seen to before Sara came. Ol' Man Reeves shook his head. "No'm, thank you, ma'am. Everything's tended to. I couldn't let any one else prepare for Blossom. Only to think, ma'am, she'll be home the day after tomorrow. I'm just filled clear through, soul and spirit, with joy to think of having my little Blossom at home again."

Mrs. Walters smiled sourly. When Mrs. Walters smiled it foretold trouble, and wise people had learned to have sudden business elsewhere and excuse themselves before the smile could be translated into words. But Ol' Man Reeves had never learned to be wise where Mrs. Walters was concerned, although she had been his nearest neighbor for years and had pestered his life out with advice and "neighborly turns."

Mrs. Walters was one with whom life had gone awry. The effect on her was to render happiness in other people an insult. She resented Ol' Man Reeves' delight in Sara's return, and she "considered it her duty" to rub the bloom off straightway. "Do you think Sary'll be contented in Idle Cove now?" she asked.

Ol' Man Reeves looked slightly bewildered. "Of course she'll be contented," he said, slowly. "Isn't it home, and ain't I here?"

Mrs. Walters smiled with double-distilled contempt for such simplicity. "Well, it's a good thing you're so sure of it, I suppose. If 'twas my daughter that was coming back to Idle Cove after three years of fash'nable life among rich, stylish folks and at a swell school, I wouldn't have a minute's peace of mind. I'd know perfectly well that she'd look down on

everything here, and be discontented and miserable."

"Your daughter might," said Ol' Man Reeves, with more sarcasm than he had supposed he possessed, "but Blossom won't."

Mrs. Walters shrugged her sharp shoulders. "Maybe not. It's to be hoped not, for both your sakes, I'm sure. But I'd be worried if 'twas me. Sary's been living among fine folks and having a gay, exciting time, and it stands to reason she'll think Idle Cove fearful lonesome and dull. And your house, too! It's such a queer little old place. What'll she think of it after her aunt's? I've heard hers is a perfect palace. I'll just warn you that Sary'll probably look down on you, and you might as well be prepared for it. Of course, I suppose she kind of thinks she has to come back, seeing she promised to; but I'm certain she doesn't want to, and I can't blame her, either."

Even Mrs. Walters had to stop for breath, and Ol' Man Reeves found his opportunity. He had listened, dazed and

WHEREVER THE HARBOR BE

By Albert L. Berry

Oh, the world is wide, but love is strong,
And the heavens are high above,
And every cloud, with its silken sail,
Is filled with a Father's love.

He knows no east, he knows no west,
Nor clime, nor days, nor years,
And where he touches the blue of heaven,
A burning star appears.

He notices even the sparrows fall,
And colors the butterfly's wing,
He lights the glowworm's little lamp,
And teaches the red bird to sing.

So my little bark I'll trust to Him,
As it rides through a tidless sea,
For the chart he knows and the rudder holds,
Wherever the harbor be.

shrinking, as if she were dealing him physical blows, but now a swift change swept over him. His blue eyes flashed ominously straight into Mrs. Walters' straggling, ferrety gray orbs. "If you've said your say, Martha Walters, you can go," he said, passionately. "I'm not going to listen to another such word. Take yourself out of my sight, and your malicious tongue out of my hearing."

Mrs. Walters went, too dumbfounded by this unheard-of outburst in mild Ol' Man Reeves to say a word of defense or attack. When she had gone, Ol' Man Reeves, the fire all faded from his eyes, sank back on his bench. His delight was dead; his heart was full of pain and bitterness. Martha Walters was a warped, ill-natured woman, but he feared there was all too much truth in what she had said. Why had he never thought of it before? Of course Idle Cove would seem dull and lonely to Blossom; of course the little gray house where she was born would seem a poor abode after the splendors of her aunt's home. Ol' Man Reeves walked through the garden, and looked at everything with new eyes. How poor and simple everything was! How sagging and weather-beaten the old house! He went in, and upstairs to Sara's room. It was neat and clean, just as she had left it three years ago. But it was small and dark; the ceiling was discolored, the furniture shabby—she would think it a poor, mean place. Even the orchard over the hill brought him no comfort now. Blossom would not care for orchards. She would be ashamed of her stupid old father and the barren little farm. She would hate Idle Cove, and fret at the dull existence,

and look down on everything that went to make up his uneventful life.

Ol' Man Reeves was unhappy enough that night to have satisfied even Mrs. Walters, had she known. He saw himself as he thought Idle Cove folks must see him—a poor, shiftless, foolish old man, who had only one thing in the world worth while, his little girl, and he had not been of enough account to keep her.

After a little the worst sting passed away. He refused to believe that Blossom would be ashamed of him—he knew she would not. Three years nor a lifetime could not so alter her loyal nature. But she would be changed—she would have grown away from him in those three busy, brilliant years. His companionship could no longer satisfy her. How simple and childish he had been to expect it! She would be sweet and kind—Blossom could never be anything else. She would not show open discontent or dissatisfaction, but it would be there, and he would divine it, and it would break his heart. Mrs. Walters was right. When he had given Blossom up he should not have made a half-hearted thing of his sacrifice—he should not have bound her to come back to him.

He walked about in his little garden until late at night under the stars, with the sea crooning and calling to him down the slope. When he finally went to bed he did not sleep, but lay until morning with tear-wet eyes and despair in his heart. All the forenoon he went about his usual daily work absently. Frequently he fell into long reveries, standing motionless wherever he happened to be, and looking dully before him. Only once did he show any animation. When he saw Mrs. Walters coming up the shore road he darted into the house, locked the door, and listened to her knocking in grim silence. After she had gone he went out, and found a plate of fresh doughnuts, covered with a napkin, placed on the bench at the door. Mrs. Walters meant to indicate thus that she bore him no malice for her curt dismissal the day before; possibly her conscience gave her some twinges, also. But her doughnuts could not minister to the mind she had diseased. Ol' Man Reeves took them up, carried them to the pigpen, and fed them to the pigs. It was the first spiteful thing he had done in his life, and he felt a most immoral satisfaction in it.

In midafternoon he went out to the garden, finding the new loneliness of the little house unbearable. The old stone bench was warm in the sunshine. Ol' Man Reeves sat down with a long sigh, and dropped his white head wearily on his breast. He had decided what he must do. He would tell Blossom that she might go back to her aunt, and not to mind about him—he would do very well by himself, and he did not blame her in the least.

He was still sitting broodingly there when a girl came up the lane. She was tall and straight, and walked with a kind of uplift in her motion, as if it would be rather easier to fly than not. She wore a smart traveling suit, but carried her hat swung over her arm, facing the sunshine fearlessly. Her hair had the gloss of darkly purple plums, and her cheeks were as dusky crimson as the red roses. Her big brown eyes lingered on everything in sight, and little gurgles of sound now and again came through her parted lips, as if an inarticulate joy were thus expressing itself. At the garden gate she saw the bent figure on the old stone bench, and the next minute she was flying along the rose walk. "Daddy!" she called; "daddy!"

Ol' Man Reeves stood up in hasty bewilderment; then a pair of girlish arms were about his neck, and a pair of warm red lips were on his; girlish eyes full of love were looking up in his face, and a never-forgotten voice, tingling with laughter and tears blended into one delicious chord, was crying, "Oh, daddy, is it really you? Oh, I can't tell you how good it is to see you again!"

Ol' Man Reeves held her tightly in a silence of amazement and joy too deep for words. Why, this was his Blossom—the very Blossom who had gone away three years ago! A little taller, a little more womanly, but his own dear Blossom, and no stranger. There was a new heaven and a new earth for him in the realization. "Oh, Baby Blossom!" he murmured; "little Baby Blossom!"

Sara rubbed her cheek against the faded coat sleeve. "Daddy darling, this moment makes up for everything, doesn't it?"

"But—where did you come from?" he asked, his senses beginning to struggle out of their bewilderment of surprise. "I didn't expect you till tomorrow. You didn't have to walk from the station, did you? And your old daddy not there to welcome you!"

Sara laughed, swung herself back by the tips of his fingers, and danced around him in the old childish fashion of long ago. "I found I could make an unexpected connection with the C. P. R., and get here a whole day earlier, and I was in such a fever to get home I jumped at the chance. Of course I walked from the station—it's only two miles, and every step was a benediction. My trunks are over there. We'll go after them tomorrow, daddy, but just now I want to go straight to every one of the dear old nooks and spots at once!"

"You must get something to eat first," he urged, fondly. "There ain't much in the house. I was going to bake tomorrow morning, but I can forage you something, darling."

He was sorely repenting having given Mrs. Walters' doughnuts to the pigs, but Sara brushed all such considerations aside with a wave of her hand. "I don't want anything to eat just now. By and by we'll have a 'snack,' just as we used to get up for ourselves whenever we felt hungry. Don't you remember how scandalized Idle Cove folks used to be at our irregular hours? I'm hungry, but it's soul-hunger—hungry for a glimpse of all the dear old rooms and places. There are four hours before sunset, and I want to cram into them all I've missed out of these three years. Let us begin right here with the garden. Oh, daddy, by what witchcraft have you coaxed the 'sulky rose bush' into bloom?"

"No witchcraft at all—it just bloomed because you were coming home, baby," said her father.

They had a glorious afternoon of it, those two children. They explored the garden, and then the house. Sara danced through every room, and then up to her own, holding fast to her father's hand.

"Oh, it's lovely to see my little room again, daddy. I'm sure my old hopes and dreams are waiting for me."

She ran to the window, and threw it open, leaning out. "Daddy, there's no view in the world so beautiful as that curve of sea between the headlands. I've looked at magnificent scenery, and then I'd shut my eyes and conjure up that picture. Oh, listen to the wind piping in the trees! How I've longed for that music!"

He took her to the orchard, and followed out his crafty plan of surprise per-

fectly. She rewarded by doing exactly what he had dreamed of her doing, clapping her hands and crying out, "Oh, daddy! Why, daddy!" They finished up with the shore, and then at sunset they came back and sat down on the old stone bench. Before them was a sea of glass mingled with fire; the great headlands running out to east and west were dark and purple, and the sun left behind him a vast cloudless arc of fiery daffodil and elusive rose. Back over the orchard in a cool green sky glimmered a white evening star, and the wind was keening and crooning among the fir boughs, harping an old lyric learned when the world was young.

"Baby Blossom," said Ol' Man Reeves, falteringly, "are you quite sure you'll be contented here? Out there," with a vague sweep of his hand toward horizons that shut out a world far removed from Idle Cove, "there's pleasure and excitement and all that. Won't you get tired of your old father and Idle Cove?"

Sara patted his hand gently. "The world out there is a good place," she said, thoughtfully. "I've had three splendid years, and I hope they will enrich my whole life. There are wonderful things out there to see and learn, fine, noble people to see and meet, beautiful deeds to see and admire, but"—she wound her arm about his neck, and laid her cheek against his shoulder—"but there was no daddy!"

BLACK AND GREEN PLANT LICE.

A sister wishes to know how to exterminate the black aphid which troubles her chrysanthemums, and the green aphid which is found on her rose geraniums. They may be destroyed by fumigating the plants with tobacco, the fumes being confined to give them time to affect the insects. They may also be eradicated by syringing them with kerosene emulsion. Use a good syringe that will apply the insecticide with considerable force.

TOO WISE TO BE HASTY.

He was an unruly youngster. A writer in the New York Sun says that he had not been in the car five minutes before all the women present and most of the men were explaining to anybody who would listen what they would do with the boy if he belonged to them. To the general babel there was one woman who contributed nothing. She was a gentle, gray-haired body, who remained unruffled by the small tempest raging.

"If that child belonged to me," said the woman beside her, "I'd make him mind if I had to half kill him, wouldn't you?"

"I don't know," said the quiet woman. "I don't know what I should do."

"You don't!" exclaimed the positive woman. "Well, I know. But, then, maybe you are not used to children? Maybe you never had any of your own?"

"Oh, yes," said the little woman, "I brought up thirteen. That's why I don't know what I should do."

THE MOTH, HIS WAYS.

When the habits of moths are understood they can be more effectually prevented. The moth millers make their appearance in early spring. They are torpid during the day, but are very active in the evening. During May and June they deposit their eggs in dark places. When a moth miller has laid its quota of eggs it dies. The eggs are very small and are hatched in about two weeks. The young worm begins its destructive work at once and continues until cold weather. In very early spring it changes into chrysalis and later into a winged moth. If these winged moths are not allowed to enter the house to deposit their eggs there will be no trouble with moths. The window and door screens should be placed in the windows and doors early in the season and a close watch kept for the moth miller.



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The method used in transportation and importation of the plants is an interesting story in itself. Briefly, on arrival in Manila, the plants were established on long timbers or boards for a period of one year before shipment. Then they were taken from these boards and planted in the baskets in which they now rest. The baskets were then nailed in upright positions to large lengths of planks, taken on board an army transport, placed next to the steam room, where there was a constant temperature of 70 degrees. At the time they left Manila they were worth some where in the neighborhood of \$8,000, and now, in their bloom, Mr. Barclay, one of the Philippine Commission, values them at not less than \$15,000.

ANNUAL PLANTS FOR NEWLY GRADED GROUND.

A few well-chosen annual plants placed on newly graded grounds will do much to take the place of trees and shrubs until the latter may have time to grow, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's specialist. It is often a question in a new community, where slow-growing vegetation has not had an opportunity, as to what may be done to make grounds seem less bare. A lawn can be made in a few weeks and its appearance may be greatly increased by the addition of a few well-chosen annuals.

The specialist suggests as particularly suited for this purpose the following plants, which may be grown in most parts of the United States:

Tall foliage plants—Castor bean, caladium, canna.

Tall flowering plants—Cosmos, scarlet sage, sunflowers.

Border plants—Alternanthera, alyssum, ageratium, coleus.

Medium-tall annual flowering plants—Geranium, California poppy (*Eschscholtzia*), zinnia, marigold, aster, petunia, cockscomb, larkspur, nasturtium.

Climbing annuals—Cobea scandens, moonflower, Japanese morning glory.

Varieties in color and contrast, in height and general effect should be studied in placing the plants. The general appearance of plants on the home grounds or in the garden is more or less dependent upon the condition of near-by lawns.

Lawns are the foundation of all decorative planting. A good, well-kept lawn contributes more to the beauty of grounds than any other single factor. For this reason special attention should be given to the grading, cultivation, and enriching of the area to be devoted to the lawn. After good preparation come good seed and care.

The variety of soils which will be encouraged and the special treatments which they need render it possible to make only the broadest generalizations here. For

time arrives, place them in a rich, well-drained soil, and at all times maintain an abundant supply of moisture. Under such conditions use the moonflower (*Ipomoea grandiflora*), the Cobea scandens, the morning glory, the cypress vine (*Ipomoea quamoclit*), the hyacinth bean (*Dolichos lablab*), nasturtiums for low screens and lattices, and the wild cucumber (*Echinocystis lobata*) for taller structures. Rustic summer houses and arbors may be very beautifully and satisfactorily adorned with cobea, or with wild cucumber, during the time which must elapse before the permanent vines can be grown sufficiently to cover the structure.—From bulletin of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

PETUNIAS.

As I take up my pen to write a "character" for this flower, the thought occurs to me, are we not neglecting the flowers of our grandmothers—as some of the



Clematis Paniculata

localities north of St. Louis, Mo., and Richmond, Va., lawns can be formed chiefly of bluegrass, redtop and white clover. South of this point Bermuda grass and St. Augustine grass will have to be relied upon chiefly, although it is said that in some places alfalfa has been employed with good results.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has a bulletin on "Lawn Soils and Lawns" (No. 494), and a bulletin on "Beautifying the Home Grounds" (No. 185), which will be sent to applicants as long as the supply lasts.

ANNUAL VINES.

Annual vines may also serve a useful purpose about a new place. The perennial woody vines are slow-growing, and usually make but little shade or protection during the first two or three years after planting. With annual plants, however, the case is quite different. Many annual climbing vines have a profusion of leaves, grow rapidly and luxuriantly, and afford a simple, inexpensive, yet satisfactory means of securing an immediate screen. For best results with these plants special attention to early planting, often indoors, is essential. When planting-out

poor souls themselves are being neglected—in our efforts to secure something new? Possibly we are justified in our neglect, when the plant in question is the old-fashioned "touch-me-not" or "butter-and-eggs." Thanks to our florists, we do not find it necessary to cultivate plants of that ilk, nor the old-fashioned rocket. Our petunias but faintly resemble those of fifty years ago—at least mine do not. Some three or four years ago I bought a packet of hybrid petunia seed. By some carelessness on my part I had but two plants, a deep purple and a delicate lavender-colored one. From a packet of mixed seeds I grew one petunia—a white, sweet-scented one. Now I have them by the thousands. I wonder if, in the whole floral kingdom, there is to be found another plant that hybridizes so easily and naturally? By actual count I had nearly thirty distinct colors and markings. My bed is about three by twelve feet, and it was really dazzling. Some of the flowers were very creditable rivals to the pelargoniums, so rich were they, and nearly all of them were very fragrant. I never sow seed. With my trowel I carefully lift the little plantlets in the spring, and give them a place in a well-pulverized bed,

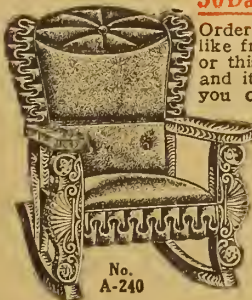
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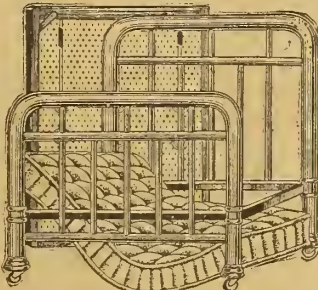
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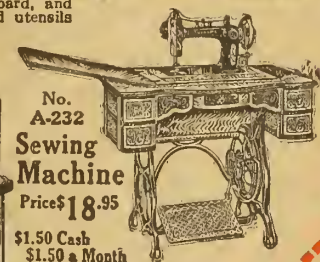
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Brugmansia (Angel's Trumpet)

needed pruning. I did not believe in anything but vigorous cutting in this case, and the entire tops were cut several inches. I stuck the cuttings in the soil and watered them. Soon they began to grow, and such petunias! Some of the purple and white flowers measured over three inches across. They were, as several friends remarked, simply immense. At one time I counted twenty-one flowers in full bloom on one plant. Though they were so generous with their blossoms, not a seed did they produce, though I had over a dozen plants. I do not believe there is a plant, except oxalis, that will yield a more continuous supply of blooms in the house than the single petunia, under propitious circumstances. But to do its best it must have a south window and good soil, and plenty of water. I know whereof I speak.—Mrs. Ella Hall, Illinois.

THE PALM AS AN EXOTIC.

The palm is a native of the tropics. It is the chief ornament of all countries south of the equator, and numbers about two thousand species. All varieties are beautiful, with a singular combination of strength and delicacy. The immense pillared trunks partake of the nature of the arborescent fern, and the gigantic leaves, often composing crowns sixty feet in circumference, are feathery fronds, differing from the fragile fern only in size and strength.

While the palm is only seen in its real grandeur in the tropics, yet it takes kindly to transplanting, and adapts its growth readily to changed climatic conditions.

England and the United States furnish conspicuous examples of the palm as an exotic, the one at the Ken, in the royal gardens, whose chief ornament is the palm house, the other in the old mission gardens of southern California, where noble specimens, one hundred and fifty years old, were planted by the Spanish padres, who first settled the country.

Amateurs may successfully cultivate the palm, as the price has much reduced itself by the rule of demand and supply. A few well-grown plants, well chosen as to varieties, will give better satisfaction and be cheaper in the end than a greater number of smaller-sized specimens. The varieties are numerous, some to be recommended for one good point, some for another, and some combining all the good points.

Florists advise the tall-growing fan palms for those having commodious conservatories that will admit of their development. They are tall-growing, and take up a good deal of room, but are long-lived, vigorous in growth and stately in appearance.

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By Eva J. Tisler

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When autumn days grow mellow;
They dance a weird elin dance
Beneath the maple tree,
The glancing, dancing, falling leaves,
When frost has set them free.

They may be only fluttering leaves,
To me they're fairy sprites,
In summer's long enchantment,
Till October's frosty nights
Has set them free, to flutter down,
In gorgeous dress arrayed,
And make a living rainbow
In the darkened forest glade.

TREATMENT OF CYCLAMENS.

Cyclamen plants are easily raised from seeds, and the young plants will begin to bloom the second year. Those who buy at the greenhouse should select young plants just beginning to bloom. Such plants will increase in size and beauty for several years, and if bloom is showing at the time of purchase, the flowers will be of the color you desire or select. A corm an inch in diameter can be accommodated in a



Peacock Iris

four-inch pot, and a larger pot can be used as the plant increases in size. Use a compost of two parts rich, fibrous loam (as rotted sods), one part leaf mold and one part sharp sand. For drainage, place a layer of broken crock, or some charcoal or gravel, at the bottom of the pot, and over this a little moss, to keep the soil from clogging the drainage pores. Fill the pot until within a half inch of the top, jarring to settle the compost, then make a hole in the center and place the cyclamen, allowing half the corm to protrude above the surface. Firm the earth to hold the corm in place, water thoroughly, and set the pot in a shaded place for a few days; then gradually accustom the plant to more light and air. Do not place them in strong sunlight at any time, but keep the atmosphere moist and not too warm. Sponge the foliage or syringe frequently to keep off green fly, thrips and red spider. Cyclamen plants rarely do well in a room lighted with gas, but under other conditions, if care is taken to keep the atmosphere moist, they are among the most satisfactory of winter bloomers, and never fail to produce an abundance of their delicate, fragrant flowers throughout the dreary winter months.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH ASTERS.

If I could grow only one flower, it would be the aster. The spot I selected for my aster bed was an old chip yard. I cleaned it off, and covered it with barnyard manure in the fall. In the spring I had it plowed, and raked it fine. I

had planted my aster seed in a rich spot in the garden. When the plants were small I reset them (a cloudy day is best) two feet apart each way. Don't crowd asters if you want large flowers. I keep all weeds out, and as soon as they are large enough I hoe them once a week and give them manure water once in three weeks, until the buds are rather large. Then I do not cultivate any more.

Last year I had a half dozen or more varieties and every color. They measured from two inches to three and one-half. I gave away hundreds of flowers. People often asked me what they were, as they resembled chrysanthemums. They began to bloom the last of August and lasted until frost. Try a bed of asters and you will be pleased.—Minnie M. Wyman, Ohio.

NO TIME FOR FLOWERS.

We often hear the expression, "I love flowers, but I simply have no time to cultivate them." While this may be true in some cases, I have always noticed that

flowers, a different method is pursued. The branches are pinched back several times during the season. The first pinching should be done when the plants are small, about four inches high. The second should be done when the new growth resulting from the first pinching has reached five inches in length. Plants thus treated will not grow tall, but become bushy plants laden with a great profusion of bloom.

AMARYLLIS JOHNSONII.

A sister at Carlisle, Pa., has a "lily," which, from her description, is probably *Amaryllis Johnsonii*. It was in bloom when she got it of the florist, and continued to grow until she thought it too large for the pot. Then she changed it to a larger pot, but it soon began to die, and in the course of a few days nothing remained but the bulb, which seems sound. She wants to know how to treat it. This *amaryllis* requires a season of rest, during which period it should not be watered, except enough to keep the bulb and



Nellie Pocket Chrysanthemum

people who have a real desire for flowers, can grow plants in spite of work; in fact, many of the people whom I know who accomplish most are those who have time for flowers, and time to observe the little courtesies of life. Not everything in life should have the dollar mark. There are many, many things that cannot be measured by dollars and cents. Life's heaviest responsibilities are often borne by those who have kind words for the unfortunate ones, flowers for the sick and bright smiles for the children and the wayfarer on the way. Let us all have a few flowers—they brighten life's pathway so much. I have them all, from the first crocus of spring until the autumn beauties are hidden under a coat of snow.—Mrs. Ella F. Flanders.

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WINTERING CANNAS.

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Transplanting Tulips—Mrs. E. H. Hueston, Iowa—From your letter the writer understands that you wish to transplant some tulips which you have taken from a bed in which you now have asters growing, and that you wish to make a new planting of tulips in this aster bed the coming fall. There is really only one thing to do with the tulips which have flowered, and that is to plant them in some location where they might remain permanently. They will then give a fair amount of flowers from year to year for a long time, but in such an irregular way that they should not be depended on for a bed or design.

Butterfly Worm on Ferns—Mrs. J. N. Kornhaus, Louisiana—The worm which you described as troubling your fern plants is one which gives the florists lots of trouble. The worms develop into butterflies. In the South the florists are compelled to enclose their fern plantings in mosquito netting. This worm is really easily controlled by applications of arsenic of lead; a solution made up of one and one-half ounces to a gallon of water, and sprayed on the plants regularly, will control the trouble. You can get the arsenic of lead from your local drug store. Keep in mind that it is deadly poison and must be handled carefully.

Transplanting Peonies—Miss A. H. Ryan, Illinois—It would be difficult to give reasons for the failure of your peonies to flower after having been transplanted. The chances are that in their new location the soil or drainage is unfavorable to proper development. They must have good drainage if they are to be expected to grow larger each year. Noting that the plants produced a number of buds which failed to open properly, it is just possible that they were frosted. Some of the other plants being without buds entirely indicates an unfavorable soil and position, and the writer believes that it would be worth while to dig up the roots in August and, if very large, divide the clumps to

divisions with at least four or five eyes or shoots, and then replant in an open, sunny location where water will not stand at any time.

Plants Not Blooming—Miss Candace W. Macomber, Vermont—It is rather difficult to give you reasons for the failure of your plants to bloom. As it is just as natural for the plants to flower as it is to grow, there must be local conditions of some kind which are against them, possibly needed sun or shade, or special location. Then, again, the failure of certain plants to flower is sometimes due to the fact that they are seedlings and do not develop properly. Please write this department a little more fully as to the conditions surrounding the plants, as to soil, position, etc., and such other information as might enable one to diagnose the trouble.

Chrysanthemums—Mary Byrum, Ohio—The plants which you mention as seeming to wilt and dry up especially in the lower leaves have probably not been properly fed. The chrysanthemum in the summer time likes a fair amount of room in a pot, if grown in this way. They will really do better planted out in the ground, that is, in the amateur hand, and if in a good garden soil will need no particular care other than cultivation. Liquid fertilizers will aid in developing flowers and the length of the flower stems, and at the same time give better color to the foliage. The trouble with your plants probably is simply the failure to give the plants room to grow.

Dutch Bulbs—Miss Bessie V. Snider, West Virginia—As a rule it does not pay to care for the flowering bulbs such as hyacinths, tulips, etc., which have been grown in mature size and forced indoors for flowers. The bulbs planted out of doors will give a fair number of flowers another year, but with most of them it pays to buy new each season. May-flowering tulips and narcissus might be called an exception, as they bear freely from year to year.

(2) **Umbrella Plant (Cyperus)**—More than likely the umbrella plant has been allowed to become chilled, and on this account the foliage turned yellow. When the foliage turns color, simply trim it or cut it off and a new growth will come out in a very short time.

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Propagating the Rubber Plant—D. S. Almau-rodé, Wisconsin—It would be a good time right now to take cuttings from the rubber plant. The work may be done as follows: Make a cut lengthwise of the stem and of about three inches in length and half way through the wood, and hold the cut open by inserting a match or small stick crosswise of the cut. Then completely cover the cut with sphagnum moss to the size of a baseball, tying the moss firmly and keeping it wet at all times. In three weeks or so the roots from the cutting will show through the moss and the cutting can then be severed from the plant. Potted at once and kept shaded for a few days until the roots become established in the soil is all that is necessary to secure the new plant. The old plant should at this time be cut back, if it is in a single stem, so that it will form a good branched plant.

Autumn-Flowering Asters—Mrs. W. Neander, New York—Your report on the aster plants failing to develop properly would seem to be a lack of proper care and nourishment and possibly poor soil. It is true, their adaptability to all kinds of soils and situations give them first class among garden favorites. They must, however, have some care for showy results. A fairly good loam soil, not necessarily highly fertilized, will grow good asters. They should have cultivation, and the writer has noticed the best plants and flowers develop from beds which have been given applications of nitrate of soda—about a tablespoonful to a gallon of water applied twice a week. As a substitute, a good mulch of thoroughly decayed stable manure might be applied. Thorough cultivation is essential and must not be overlooked, especially during a hot, dry period. Following these general lines of treatment the asters should give the finest kind of flowers.

Handling Crinum Bulbs—Robert Boyd, Kansas—There are several different kinds of crinums, some warm-house, others cool-house species, some evergreen and others deciduous. Generally the crinums like a compost of turfy loam, dry cow manure and a little charcoal. When the plants are grown in large pots they do not require annual transplanting; in fact, plants are often grown for several years in the same pot with simply a dressing of good, rich soil, and when well established are kept up with liquid manure. The bulbs should be potted at this time, and while you do not give the size of the bulbs, presume they will go in from a six to seven inch pot. Plant so as to allow the neck of the bulb to just extend out of the soil. Plunge out of doors in the fall in a well-shaded position and where the soil will be kept evenly moist; this will probably bring the best results. In the fall the bulbs should be allowed to dry off some and kept in this condition until the leaves appear again in mid-winter or early spring.

The Aster Beetle—K. R. Roller, Illinois—There are two or three insects which bother asters more or less, and of these the aster beetle is probably the worst. The beetles feed on the flowers and begin their work as soon as the bud starts to open. If the plants are sprayed regularly with a Paris green solution it should rid the plants of the insect. Some florists who grow the plants for summer flowers spray with Persian insect powder. Asters should be well cultivated just before the blooming season and at this time should be well mulched with tobacco stems to keep down aphids about the roots. A more serious difficulty than the aster beetle is the rust, a fungous disease which attacks the under side of the leaf and raises an orange-colored pustule. Spraying with any of the copper fungicides will keep this in check. Bordeaux mixture is used often, but the ammoniacal carbonate of copper is probably better. Start the sprayings while the plants are in the early part of their growth, and repeat two or three times a month.

Chinese Azaleas—Mrs. A. G. Cappel, Michigan—With a fair amount of care and attention your azaleas might be grown to develop a fair amount of flowers the second year—that is, the second year after being imported. You probably understand that there is a section in the Belgian country particularly adapted to the growing of azaleas, and they will develop flower buds in this section better than anywhere else, just the same as a section of Holland is particularly adapted to the growing of all kinds of bulbs. Your azalea that has flowered should be plunged pot and all to about the depth of the pot in a particularly shaded location and where the plant will not receive the full sun any part of the day. Where the flower buds appeared last season four or five little shoots will develop. Pick these off to one good one, and on this single shoot a flower bud for next year will appear during the summer, just the same as the magnolia has already formed flower buds for next year. If the plant has made an unusual growth since the flowering season, it might be trimmed to a shapely plant before plunging. See that the soil is kept fairly moist

through the summer and the plant syringed constantly to prevent the appearance of the red spider.

Freelias—Mrs. T. F. Clark, Mississippi—Freelias bloom in about four months after planting. They should have a rather cool temperature and be allowed to come along slowly. If you want flowers for the holidays, then the bulbs should be planted now.

Wintering Dahlias—J. H. McCaughan, New York—As soon as the plants are killed by the frosts, take the roots, and after removing all soil possible from the tubers, allow them to dry in the air for a few hours, when they should be stored in the cellar or some place protected from frost. If the cellar is very dry or is not proof, store in a box of dry sand, sawdust or tan bark, well covered to protect from freezing and shriveling of the tubers. Remember dahlias are very tender and will not stand freezing.

Storing Perennials—Helen S. Hodsden, Indiana—The writer understands from your letter that it is necessary to take up the perennials until you can secure possession of your new grounds. If this is not the case, the plants would be all right to winter where they are. Of course, there might be some advantage in taking them up for the convenience of planting again in the spring—that is, you would have half of the work done now and at a time when you can probably spare the time better. The plants should keep all right in a cellar or heeled in the ground anywhere. If heeled in they should be protected from winter rains by coverings of boards, but of course protection from freezing weather is not necessary. It will not be necessary to pot the plants; simply take them up with some soil, and heeled in boxes, they should keep over as well as potatoes and really with less trouble, as you will not be troubled with the growth that the potato makes.

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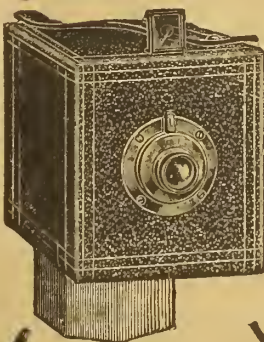
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By FRANK T. MANN

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He reached into the pocket of his faded, threadbare coat, and drew forth a crumpled sheet of paper. Slowly, for the fifth time, he went over the words printed in large, flaring letters, the ink not yet dry:

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Thrusting the paper into his pocket, Tom strode hurriedly down the sloppy sidewalk, and in a few minutes stood before the large brick building which contained President Johnson's office. A wave of indecision swept across his face as he scraped the mud and snow from his well-worn shoes. It was a perilous undertaking, and none knew the danger of it better than he. Then the recollection of his wife's bitter words returned with full force, and he hesitated no longer. "Maggie is a good woman in most things," he said to himself, and the blue eyes glistened, "and maybe I haven't done by her what I might. For her sake and the baby's I'll try it."

"Well, Tom, my man, you will undertake to cut the jam and save the mills?" said President Johnson a moment later, as Tom, hat in hand, stood before his desk. "Do you know that it is a dangerous piece of work? There is probably not another man in Alcona County who would run the risk for twice the sum named. Indeed, it was not so much with the hope of saving the mills as it was a formality to secure our insurance rights that the reward was offered. However, if your mind is made up it is not my place to dissuade you. If you are successful the money is yours, and I will add another hundred from my own private purse."

"And if anything happens to me, the money will be paid to Mag—my wife?"

"If the jam is broken, yes."

William Johnson was a kind-hearted man, and as he watched the big, childish lumberman move toward the door a suspicious film blurred his vision for a moment, and there was just the least huskiness in his voice as he bade him God-speed.

"Poor fellow," he murmured, as he turned to his work, "life has not been all smooth with him lately, and he is in a great measure responsible for his own misfortunes, but I should greatly regret

if any evil were to befall him at this work."

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In the smaller of the two scantily furnished apartments that constituted their home, Margaret Harding busied herself in the preparation of dinner. Glancing at the cracked porcelain clock on the mantel, she quit her work for the twelfth time, and going to the door, looked uneasily down the long, muddy street. It was deserted save for one solitary figure that came bounding along as fast as his short legs could carry him, regardless alike of the slush of mud and snow beneath his feet and the gusts of wind and rain which came near upsetting him at intervals.

"Say, you hearn?" he gasped, as he dashed up to where Margaret stood.

"What do you mean, Bobbie Carson? Have I heard what?"

"About Tom. He's undertook to cut the jam above the mill, an' mos' ever'body says he'll be killed. S'posed you knew about it." And swelling over the importance of his message, the thoughtless urchin galloped on his way.

For a minute or more Margaret stood looking blankly across the street through the dashing rain. Every bitter word she had uttered that morning recurred to her mind in all its cruel strength, and seemed to burn itself in on her very soul in great red letters of fire. The look, half of anger, half of sad reproach, with which he had turned from her and kissed the baby sleeping quietly in its crib—every incident of their quarrel returned with a significance magnified a thousandfold by her fears.

"I called him worthless and drunken," she said, with dry eyes and pale, trembling lips, "and he is neither. Poor Tom! Though he does drink sometimes, it is through discouragement and disappointment at his hard lot, and he is always kind to me. Oh, God, if I could recall my words! But is it too late? I may save him yet."

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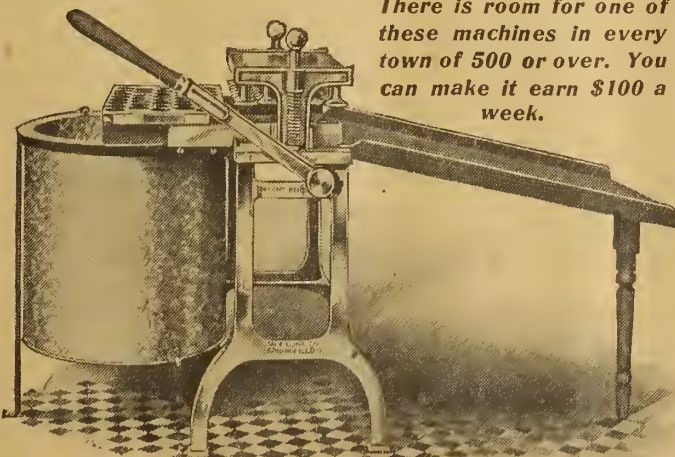
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Nut Bread—Use four cupfuls of flour, two cupfuls of milk, one cupful of nuts, one-third cupful of sugar, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, two eggs, well beaten; mix ingredients in the usual order, put in a pan and let raise half an hour. Bake about forty minutes.

Apple Butter Roll—Make a rich crust as for pies, roll out in small pieces and spread the apple butter over them thinly and roll up. Bake a light brown or fry in deep fat like croquettes. A little grated orange peel or a few chopped raisins added to the apple butter will give a delicious flavor.

Prune Cake—Use any good recipe for layer cake. Use prunes, stewed to a pulp, sweetened and flavored with lemon between the layers. Frost the top and decorate with prunes cooked until tender, but which retain their shape, with seeds removed and cavities filled with frosting flavored with lemon.

Frothed Bouillon—Simmer two tablespoonfuls of tapioca in two quarts of clear beef stock until smooth. When done put in the yolk of raw eggs in the proportion of one yolk to two persons. Place the eggs in the bottom of the tureen. Now pour in the hot soup and beat until the soup and eggs combine in a frothy cream.

Apple Pudding—Cream two teaspoonfuls of butter and one-half cupful of sugar, add the well-beaten yolks of four eggs and the juice of one lemon. Grate the rind of the lemon and six tart apples, or run through a chopper. Mix with the beaten whites of four eggs and season with cinnamon or nutmeg and bake. Serve cold with cream or a pudding sauce.

Cream of Corn—Add a quart and a half of water to each quart of corn, cut fresh from the cob, or if that cannot be had, to each quart of canned corn. Boil until the kernels are tender and then add two ounces of butter which has been beaten into one tablespoonful of flour. Add fifteen or twenty more minutes to the boiling, season to taste, stir in a cupful of cream, either plain or whipped, as preferred, and serve with floating croutons.

Creamed Mackerel—Soak a salt mackerel for twenty-four hours, then lay in a shallow stew pan and add one and one-fourth cupfuls of milk. Simmer for fifteen minutes. Remove to a hot dish and add to the hot milk two tablespoonfuls of flour rubbed to a paste with two tablespoonfuls of butter. Stir until thickened and the flour thoroughly cooked. Add a dash of pepper, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, and pour around the fish.

Sweet Potato Puffs—Eight medium-sized sweet potatoes, one-half teaspoonful of salt, a dash of white pepper, two teaspoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley. Wash and boil the sweet potatoes twenty minutes; drain, and when cool skin and mash. Add pepper, salt, parsley and one teaspoonful of butter; mix well and beat until light. Brush small pans or large bake pans with butter, fill with sweet potatoes and bake until light brown.

Carrot Pudding—One and one-half cupfuls of flour, one cupful of sugar, one cupful of beef suet chopped fine, one cupful of seeded raisins, one cupful of currants, one cupful of raw potatoes chopped fine, one cupful of raw carrots chopped fine, one teaspoonful of soda. Steam three hours. Make a sauce as follows: One-half cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of corn starch, one egg. Beat all well and pour enough boiling water on to make a sauce like cream.

Cinnamon Biscuits—Make an ordinary biscuit dough of one quart of flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, a large tablespoonful of shortening, and milk enough to roll out to the desired consistency. Roll into a sheet one inch thick, strew this with powdered sugar and cinnamon. Fold the dough over so there is a layer of it on top of the sugar and spice. Cut through both layers with a biscuit cutter. Bake in a steady oven; serve hot. Split open and butter as you would ordinary biscuits.

Potato Soup—Eight medium-sized potatoes, one-half pint of chopped celery, four tablespoonfuls of minced onion, one tablespoonful of butter, one tablespoonful of flour, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one-half teaspoonful of pepper, one teaspoonful of minced chervil or parsley, one quart of milk. Pare the potatoes and put in a stew pan with the celery and onion. Cover with boiling water and put over a hot fire. Cook thirty minutes, counting from the time the pan is put over the fire. Reserve half a cupful of the milk cold, and put the balance to



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heat in the double boiler. Mix the flour with the cold milk and stir into the boiling milk. When the potatoes, etc., have been cooking thirty minutes, pour off the water, saving it to use later. Mash and beat the vegetables until light and fine, then gradually beat in the water in which they were boiled, rub through the puree sieve and then put back on the fire. Add the salt and pepper. Beat with an egg whisk for three minutes, then gradually beat in the boiling milk. Add the butter and minced herbs and serve at once.

Brown Betty—Butter a baking dish and cover the bottom with a layer of peeled and chopped apples, sprinkle with sugar, bits of butter and a little cinnamon; over this a layer of bread crumbs and then a layer of apples, and so on until the dish is full. The top layer should be crumbs dotted with butter. Cover closely and bake for thirty or forty minutes. Remove the cover and brown. Serve hot with butter and sugar sauce.

Currant Cookies—One cupful of sugar, two scant cupfuls of flour, four tablespoonfuls of butter, two eggs, one scant teaspoonful of baking powder, one cupful of cleaned currants chopped fine, nutmeg and cinnamon to taste. Rub the butter and sugar to a cream, add the spices and the eggs beaten light, then the flour with which the baking powder has been sifted twice; lastly, the chopped currants. Roll out with quick, light strokes, cut into shapes and bake in a tolerably brisk oven.

Meat Croquettes—Take cold roast beef or veal, mince very fine, moisten with cold gravy or a little water, add one egg well beaten, season with salt, pepper, a little onion and sage. Make into rolls, coat with beaten egg and roll them in cracker crumbs. Let them stand for half an hour before frying, to dry the egg and crumbs. Have the fat very hot in the pan before dropping in the croquettes. Cooked rice can be added to this recipe in proportion of about one-quarter of the quantity.

Potato Omelet—Chop cold boiled potatoes fine. Put one teaspoonful of drippings into a frying pan, add potatoes, seasoning to taste, and fry a light brown. Put two teaspoonfuls of drippings into a pan; beat four eggs until well mixed with three tablespoonfuls of cold water; when the drippings are hot, pour in the egg, fry until the eggs are set, lifting the edges to allow thin portions to run under. Then put the potatoes on, fold over and serve on a hot platter, garnishing with sprigs of parsley.

Scalloped Oysters—Prepare one pint of fine bread or cracker crumbs. Butter a deep pudding dish; place a layer of crumbs in the dish and wet this with some of the oyster liquor; next put a layer of oysters, season with salt and pepper and bits of butter. Then another layer of crumbs and oyster juice; then oysters and seasonings, and so on until the dish is full. The top layer is to be crumbs. Beat up an egg in a cupful of milk and turn over all. Steam thirty to forty minutes and brown in the oven.

Braised Ham—To one ham use one quart of stock, one-half cupful of brown sauce. Soak the ham in cold water for twenty-four hours, then place it in a sauce pan with enough water to well cover and cook it very gently until done. Take up the ham, trim it, and put it in another sauce pan with the stock, cover, and let simmer for forty minutes. Take out the ham, skim the liquor and free it from fat and reduce it well down. Now add the brown sauce, boil up, put in the ham, and simmer for twenty minutes longer. Dish up the ham, strain the sauce, pour a little around the ham and serve the remainder in a sauce pan.

Mixed Vegetable Soup—Three quarts of water, one quart of shredded cabbage, one pint of sliced potato, one-half pint of minced carrot, one-half pint of minced turnip, one-half pint of minced onion, one leek, two tomatoes, two tablespoonfuls of minced celery, two tablespoonfuls of green pepper, two tablespoonfuls of butter or drippings, three teaspoonfuls of salt, one-half teaspoonful of pepper. Have the water boiling hard in a stew pan and add all the vegetables except the potatoes and tomatoes. Boil rapidly for ten minutes, then draw back where it will boil gently for one hour. At the end of this time add the other ingredients and cook one hour longer. Have the cover partially off the stew pan during the entire cooking. This soup may be varied by using different kinds of vegetables.

Boston Cookies—Cream one cupful of butter, add gradually one and one-half cupfuls of sugar and three eggs well beaten. Add one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one and one-half tablespoonfuls of hot water, one and one-half cupfuls of pastry flour mixed and sifted with one-half teaspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of cinnamon. Then add one cupful of nut meat cut in small pieces, one-half cupful of currants, one-half cupful of raisins seeded and cut into small pieces and one and one-half cupfuls of pastry flour. Drop by spoonfuls one inch apart on a buttered sheet and bake in a moderate oven. These are very good. If a cooky mixture is put together the night before using and kept in a cool place, it will be found easier to handle. Doughnuts may be treated in the same way.

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Where plod our brothers with their heavy load?
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On some old garment, or one that is new,
To help one less favored with skill of that kind,
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Was it you that smiled on when the clouds hung so low?

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Was it you kept the faith mid confusion and wrong,

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This loss came July 30th, after a lingering illness of months. Dear mother has been an invalid all her life, and for that reason knew how to sympathize with the shut-ins, and was such a comfort to us in our Sunshine work, for she was a true Sunshiner. She never thought of self,

but was always trying to cheer some one else, or give them a lift. There were certain persons in her town whom she always remembered with greetings of cards on Christmas and Easter. How they will miss her. One of these persons said to me once, "She seems like my own mother." When fellows were down and out, she did not do as others, kick them down a little farther; no, she spoke to them, felt sorry for them, and sent them little remembrances to show them that she cared for them and tried to get them to do better. Help, who had lived at the old homestead years ago, and those who worked for the family in late years, stood at her casket and shed tears as they looked on that sweet face for the last time.

It is hard to part with this dear one, but her suffering was so great we would not wish her back. Her life was an example of patience and we can truly say we never saw a time when she lost her temper or said an unkind word.

We want to thank each one who so kindly remembered our dear mother on her birthdays and at Christmas. She appreciated each gift for the kindness back of it. You will recall her name as Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Cedarville, Ohio.

The following lines have come to me from an old paper and are a comfort at this sad time:

Hush, my troubled heart,
Be still;
God is good,
Let come what will.

APPRECIATION.

Miss Francis Stevenson, of Nevada, Mo., State Hospital, sends thanks through a Sunshiner for cheer sent to her.

Mr. James Thompson, of Princeton, S. C., R. F. D. 1, Box 26, thanks all of the Sunshiners for the cheering words and good wishes. He has been afflicted many years.

Mrs. Mamie Coyle, of 39 Union Street, Newark, Ohio, appreciates all the cheer sent to her and wishes she could receive more stamps so she could remember more shut-ins with letters. She is able at times to sit in her wheelchair.

WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

Cheer has been asked for a cripple. She would enjoy cheery letters and cards. Address Lara Haines, State Hospital, Nevada, Mo.

Mrs. Alice Forsythe, Oakwood, Mo., would appreciate ribbons or silk pieces for fancy work. She has had three operations and is just recovering from result of one.

A postal-card shower has been asked for a blind man who is old. Send cards with pretty sentiments. Any reading for the blind would be appreciated by this old gentleman. Address Mr. James Cathcart, Newburgh, Orange County, N. Y., 115 First Street.

Mrs. J. N. Vaughn, Strother, Mo., asks for silk pieces for a quilt which she wants to make for the benefit of the Blind Babies' Home in New York. We feel every one will want to contribute to this appeal, for the dear invalid is trying to spread Sunshine by making the quilt to help the blind babies.

Remember little Cleone Moore and her mother, Mrs. Wm. Moore, of Hampton, Fla. Mrs. Moore has been helpless with rheumatism for many, many years. This dear daughter acts as nurse and housekeeper. Their only support, the father and husband, was taken from them about a year ago, and he is so sadly missed. Do write this afflicted family and send them a little support.

Miss Mary Ellen Willis, of Barnesville, Ga., R. F. D. 3, is very sad. She has never walked a step in her life. Since the death of her mother, twelve years ago, she has lived with her brother and his family. Now the word comes that the brother's wife died July 24th, and she feels very sad and dependent. She asks for stamps and stationery and would be grateful for a mite.

Miss Ida Newton, a young invalid, who lives with her mother in a basement, asks for a birthday surprise for her aged mother on her seventieth birthday, which comes September 24th. Just mark it "For Mother" of Miss Ida Newton, 60 Catherine Street, Albany, N. Y. This dear little mother has worked so hard all her life, and now, as age has crept on, she is unable to earn much. They are very poor, and for that reason are not able to rent rooms be-

yond the basement. What a great thing it would be if some rich person would interest themselves in behalf of this mother and daughter.

Mrs. Adda F. Thompson, of Oxford, Maine, is still suffering with asthma, heart trouble and diabetes. She has a friend living on a farm near the salt water and the doctor thinks if she could go she would be better. But she lacks the means for the trip, and wonders if The Household Journal family would not send her a mite. She has no way to earn a living except to do very plain sewing, when able to sit up in bed. If you can send her a mite, she would be very grateful.

LEST WE FORGET.

Mrs. R. L. Risley, of Piermont, N. H., has been an invalid for thirty-seven years. She would be grateful for orders for all kinds of neckwear, auto caps, girdles, aprons, crocheted articles, shell work and many other kinds of fancy work. Please send stamp for price list. Her work is very fine.

Miss Perey Wilkinson, of 422 Mildred Street, Montgomery, Ala., makes hair switches of combings and cut hair. She has been making them for years. She makes them for moderate cost. This is her only means of livelihood since her father's death five years ago. She has been an invalid since 15 years old. Spent five years in bed. Has had three serious operations in a little over three and a half years.

We are told not to forget the artist at 545 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. He is a helpless invalid. He paints book-marks for 25 cents and sachet bags for 50 cents a pair. Also makes and paints dresser cushions and satin pillow tops for \$3.00 and up, according to size. He enlarges and copies pictures on canvas or academy board, doing all the work in oil. This young man is very anxious for a year's subscription to some art magazine like the International Studio or the Kreamic or some other good magazine. Would you like to make him happy by sending him such a magazine? His address is Mr. Elgie R. Russell, 545 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

WANTS A VIOLIN.

We have received a very interesting appeal from a young man who at present is incarcerated in the prison at the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. He is but a boy, and as he has no one to assist him in purchasing a violin, he asks if our Journal readers would assist him to buy the instrument which he is so anxious to master, so he will be prepared to make his living when he gets out of the institution. He is recommended by the Chaplain at Headquarters as a boy who is passionately fond of music. He is in prison true, but still we may give him a helping hand, and who knows he may prove worthy of it. Perhaps some one of our readers may own a good violin which they would be glad to give this young man. Let us give this young prisoner a chance. Send contributions marked "For Violin" direct to this young man, whose name is Eugene Nania, Box 7, Leavenworth, Kan.

MENDETS FOR SALE.

Although we will give up the editing of the Sunshine Corner until the first of the year, we still have the "mendets" for sale, and I will be glad to furnish any one, who may send for them, at the usual price, fifteen for 25 cents and a two-cent stamp. Of course every one who reads the Journal knows the money from these goes into the Sunshine Emergency Fund to assist any of our worthy shut-ins. These "mendets" will mend leaks in granite, tin, copper, hot-water hags, etc. Try them. Send direct to Mrs. Gertrude Cherry, Xenia, Ohio. We will continue to do this part of the Sunshine work.

REPORT OF SUNSHINE BRANCH OF AMSDEN, OHIO.

Fifty-six cards, 58 hooks loaned, 78 visits to sick; 52 bouquets, 14 of which were at church; dainties; \$7.82 cheer money; \$1.80 of which was cheer money to International; 3 letters, 7 cards and 3 letters of sympathy, 8 plants, magazines, helped those in sorrow, 2 packages silk and calico pieces to Cheer Column Bulletin, one year's subscription to each of the following papers—Woman's Home Companion and Hearth and Home, 3 towels, 8 handkerchiefs, 12 napkins, 8 wash cloths, 35 one-cent stamps, 2 yards of ribbon, one dozen envelopes. Sunshine Girls took charge of Children's Day.—Miss Flossie Craun, Secretary, Kansas, Ohio.

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FRUIT PUDDING.

Chop one-fourth pound of suet and work until creamy, using the hand. Chop one-half pound of figs and work into the suet. Soak two and one-half cupfuls of stale bread crumbs in three-fourths cupful of milk, thirty minutes, and add three eggs well beaten, one cupful of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of grated nutmeg and one-fourth teaspoonful of cloves; combine the mixtures; add one-half cupful of English walnut or other nut meats, broken in pieces, and one-half cupful of raisins seeded, cut in pieces and dredged with two tablespoonfuls of flour, mixed and sifted with two and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder.

Turn into a buttered mold, cover, and steam three hours. Serve with Lyman sauce. Beat the whites of one egg until stiff and add gradually, while beating constantly, three-fourths cupful of sugar; then add the yolk of one egg, beaten until thick and lemon-colored, and three-fourths cupful of heavy cream beaten until stiff. Flavor with one teaspoonful of vanilla and one-half teaspoonful of lemon extract.

SCALLOPED CABBAGE OR CAULIFLOWER AND CHEESE.

Take three cupfuls of cooked cabbage, one cupful of grated cheese, three cupfuls of white sauce; arrange in layers, alternating the vegetable with the sauce and

cheese and cover with buttered crumbs. Bake about thirty minutes. Potatoes, Brussels sprouts and other vegetables may be used in the same way. The smallest bit of cheese should never be thrown away. It keeps best if wrapped in a cloth dampened with vinegar or covered with melted paraffine when this is practicable. Grated cheese put into a fruit jar and sealed is ready for any number of dishes which will be improved by the addition of a tablespoonful or two, even for flavor.

WAFFLES WITH MAPLE SYRUP.

Mix and sift one and three-fourths cupfuls of flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Add one cupful of milk gradually, while stirring constantly; then add the yolks of two eggs well beaten, one tablespoonful of melted butter and the whites of two eggs beaten stiff. Cook on a buttered hot waffle iron and serve with maple syrup. A waffle iron should fit closely on the range, be well heated on one side, turned, heated on the other side and thoroughly greased before the iron is filled. In filling, put a tablespoonful of the mixture in each compartment near the center of the iron, cover, and the mixture will spread to just fill the iron. If the iron is sufficiently heated it should be turned almost

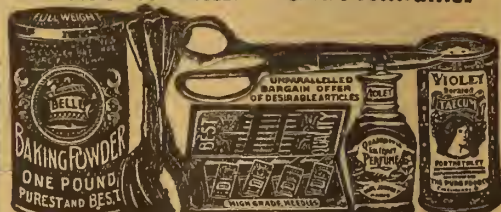
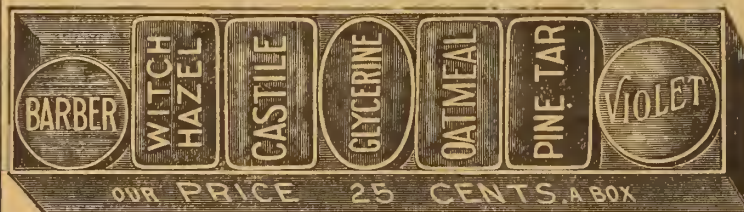
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CANNING CAULIFLOWER.

In canning cauliflower, as well as cabbage and Brussels sprouts, the products should be soaked in cold salt water for about thirty minutes before blanching. Blanch five minutes in boiling water. Remove and plunge in cold water. Pack in jar or tin, add boiling water and one teaspoonful of salt to the quart. Place rubber and top; partially tighten. (Cap tins and seal vent hole.) Sterilize one hour in hot-water bath or water-seal outfit and forty minutes in steam pressure. Remove, tighten covers, invert, and cool. Keep in dark place if in glass.

SLEEP.

While children sleep
They know not that their father toils;
They know not that their mother prays—
Bending in blessing o'er their beds,
Imploring grace for after-days.

While children sleep
They never dream that others work
That they might have their daily bread;
When morning comes they rise and eat,
And never ask how they are fed.

While children sleep
They do not see the shining sun—
They do not see the gracious dew,
In daily miracle of love,
Is ever making all things new.

Do we not sleep
And know not that our Father works
With watchful care about our way?
He bends in blessing from above—
His love broods o'er us day by day.

Do we not sleep
And never dream that others work,
Reaping the sheaves that might be ours?
We see not how the shadows fall
Which mark the swift departing hours.

Ah, still we sleep!
Our drowsy eyes see not the light—
See not the hands stretched out to bless;
See not that waiting for us stands
God's kingdom and his righteousness.

EGG PLANT, POULETTE STYLE.

Peel the egg plant and cut it in halves, remove the seeds and cut it in small pieces. Place a large lump of butter in a sauce pan to melt, then put in the egg plant, tossing the pieces about for a few minutes, season to taste with salt and pepper and pour over them a small quantity of clear broth. Allow to stew over a gentle fire until quite cooked, then remove the sauce pan to the side of the stove and stir in a moderate quantity of minced parsley with the yolk of an egg that has been beaten up with the juice of half a lemon and strained. Lay the pieces of egg plant on a hot dish, pour the sauce over them, and serve immediately.

ROAST DUCK.

If the duck is not young, boil first, and put one onion, one tablespoonful of vinegar, salt, sage and pepper in the water. Boil for about one hour. Make a dressing of stale bread crumbs highly seasoned with sage, salt and pepper. Moisten the stuffing with some of the liquor in which the duck was boiled and add one beaten egg. Stuff the duck, lay some slices of fat salt pork over the breast, having previously dredged with flour, salt and pepper. Boil down the liquor in which the duck was boiled, and use to baste while roasting. Remove the slices of pork during the last half hour of cooking.

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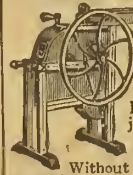
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The secret of my success can be told you in one word—Soap. In fact, I'm known as the soap man in our town even to this day. But to get down to essentials, I had no father or mother, but a mighty considerate uncle was sort of a guardian and confidante. One day I went to him with my first big idea.

"Uncle," I said, "I've decided that fellows who work for wages, or salaries either, for that matter, never get anywhere. The fellows who make real money and get the most out of life don't lie down on the board like a lot of checkers and let the boss move 'em around where he pleases—they get right into the game on their own account."

Uncle agreed, said he'd like to see me get into some kind of business, promised that if I'd save till I got \$500 he'd stake me for as much more and help me start a store.

"No chance," I replied. "I can't wait to save a cent—some way or other I'm going to get into business for myself, and I'm going to do it before the summer is over."

Uncle laughed at my nerve, but I want to tell you nerve is the one thing most \$2.00 a day men need. Because I had it I did get into business with less than \$10 capital before another month was over, and it was a business that has made for me much more than any store that I could have started with \$1,000.

Somebody told me about the big money in the agency business. I didn't fancy it at first. Thought it might be hard to approach people—never was any good at that; but I decided that wasn't going to keep me out of the capitalist class. So I began

answering advertisements and studying over the propositions sent me. I think I must have received more than twenty sets of circulars in the next two weeks. All of them were attractive on first sight, but I wasn't going to be taken in on big statements, and analyzed the propositions carefully for myself.

Anyway I figured it one of these stuck out head and shoulder above the others. It was the proposition of the E. M. Davis Soap Company, 871 Davis Building, Chicago, just like the one that appears below.

I decided in its favor for three reasons. First, because they put out combinations of toilet preparations to sell from 50c to \$2.00 that would cost the consumer four times that much in the regular way—the regular price being plainly printed on each article, so the consumer could see his saving. Second, they didn't want all the profit themselves, but left a commission for me that made it worth while. Third, the commodities were staple and had possibilities for steady repeat business that none of the others had.

I felt quite sure of ultimate success, yet I decided to play safe, and so I kept my regular job at the sawmill and sent for a sample outfit, with the idea of taking orders evenings and on days when the mill didn't run.

In spite of a whole lot of bashfulness I took orders for \$3.00 worth of products the first evening. On this evening's work my profit was over three dollars. The next evening I didn't do quite so well, but the third evening more than made up for it with a clear profit of over \$7.00. That ended the sawmill for me. I quit the next morning, and I've never had any cause to be sorry.

The first week after I left the mill I cleaned up \$35, and although I've frequently made almost double that amount in a single week since, I don't think any week's work gratified me quite so much as the first one.

Now, just stop and get the significance of this. I was an ordinary sawmill hand—never sold a

dollar's worth of goods before in my life—hesitated at every door I knocked and hunted around for an excuse not to call. Yet in spite of these drawbacks I was making really big money right at the outset, more money, I knew, than some salesmen were making who were traveling on regular routes for big houses.

After the first month I found myself settled in an established business, without the worry of store rent or other expenses. Already some people's stocks of soaps and toilet articles were running low and they were hunting me to replenish them.

Gradually I learned to sell goods more. That was easy, because Davis supplied us selling talks and told us just how to show the goods and just what to say to land the sale. From that time on it was just simply a case of hustle to keep up with the demand. Demand on the part of customers and on the part of the people who wanted sub-agencies. At this point I could have laid back on the oars and let my sub-agents keep me going. That would have been easy, but I wasn't built that way, so I kept hammering away every day.

Now there is a reason why I have told you this story. It is this: You are probably one of the great army that is struggling away on a salary, trying to get somewhere and living up to every cent you make, just as I was five years ago. A fortune can't be made that way. But you won't admit that you haven't got as much ability and as much salesmanship about you as a very ordinary sawmill roustabout, will you? You have, and you can do just what he did. The same company is just as anxious to get agents today as it was when I started. You can't get any territory in my section. I've got that cornered, but there are plenty of towns just as good; perhaps your town is open. Besides, the company are even more liberal today than they were in those days. Why don't you muster up your nerve, just as I did, and write them to show you how you can get started into this paying business?



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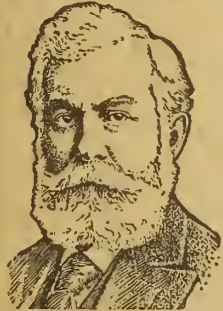
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Cheeks like earliest summer roses,
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Eyes like mother's, deepest brown,
That from liquid wells look down!
Crown her with a golden crown,
Oh, crown my baby queen!
Doubly welcome to our nest,
Binding closer breast to breast,
Making home a heaven blest,
Bonny Baby Magdalene!

Care of school children

We all know, if we stop to think about it, that health is of primary importance, and the pursuit of knowledge should not be allowed to interfere with the care of the body. Frequently a child is so ambitious to keep up with his class, or to have a record for punctuality, that he will plead to go to school when not well. The parent should judge and decide wisely in such cases. Headache or a feeling of lassitude and weariness in a child always shows that rest is needed, and often a day or two out of school, when these symptoms are present, will prevent weeks of illness.

It is important that school children should have a plain, nutritious breakfast, and time enough to eat it without hurrying. In too many families, especially during the short days of winter, breakfast is so late that the children hurry down a few mouthfuls, with one eye on the clock, and then, perhaps, run all the way to school to avoid being tardy. I heard a teacher, who has a class of forty girls, say that she had talked with them on this subject and found that at least one-third of them often came to school without eating any breakfast, and as many more took only coffee with a hot roll. These were girls of from thirteen to fifteen years of age—the age when they need the best food, and no stimulant. Was it any wonder they had headaches, and were pale and nervous?

Young people, at least, are better off without either tea or coffee, but if they drink anything at meals, give them hot water, with milk and sugar if they like. See that the girls get plenty of exercise in the fresh air. Boys usually look out for this themselves, but sometimes mothers are so anxious that their daughters should have the so-called accomplishments that they keep them on the piano stool when they ought to be romping out of doors.

Making buttonholes

Buttonholes should always be cut very evenly. They should be a little longer than the diameter of the button. It is a good plan to use buttonhole scissors for cutting them. More than one thickness of goods should be used and it should be firmly basted together. If the material frays easily, it is a good plan to stitch around the buttonhole before it is cut. Buttonholes should always be stayed before they are worked. One way is to overcast the buttonhole. Another is to form stitches about the buttonhole. Put the needle through from the under side, a few threads from the inside end of the buttonhole. Draw it through. Put it through again at the outside end and so the long stitch thus formed will lie close along the side of the buttonhole. Repeat this a second time. This will form

a bar of stitches about the buttonhole. When it is worked, begin at the right end and work towards the left. To make the buttonhole stitch, put the needle up through the goods a few threads from the inner end of the buttonhole. Before pulling it through, take hold of the thread near the needle, throw it over the needle and pull through. Repeat this for each stitch until you have been around the buttonhole. The beauty of the buttonhole is to have the stitches all one length and perfectly even.

We all like popcorn

Lives there a boy or girl, young or old, who doesn't look for a nickel when the little vender comes along who advertises his wares by crying, "Fresh buttered popcorn, five cents a sack?" Now, this is one of the many things that boys and girls may have if they will only prepare it. Popcorn is so easily grown that most people may have a good supply if they will.

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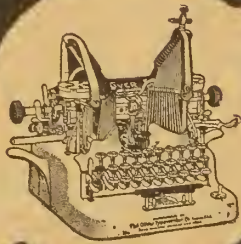
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Breaking the Jam

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ened with momentary destruction, but the dam thus formed caught the waters up and hurled them and their ponderous armature down the ditch and against the mills below, with a violence that must soon accomplish their destruction.

To get at the pine trunk and cut it would release the straining, tumbling mass, restore the raging waters to their natural channel, and save the bridge and the mills. But woe to him who cut it!

When Tom Harding, ax in hand, stepped upon the bridge and started on his mission, not one of the group who stood looking on in breathless silence but felt that he was witnessing a tragedy.

"The man is committing sheer, downright suicide," said an old lumberman who had spent his life in the forest and on the river. "It oughtn't to be allowed."

But Tom had already reached the middle of the long structure, and was feeling his way down over the tumbling, grinding pile as only a lumberman can. Now he stood with careful footing upon the huge pine stem, bending under the awful strain, and now he plied his ax with telling vigor, making the chips fly at each powerful stroke. To an eye not cognizant of his terrible danger the sturdy lumberman might have been following his daily vocation for anything in his look or manner that denoted the contrary.

But the woman, wild-eyed and panting, with hair disheveled and hanging in rain-soaked tresses down her back, who just now joined the group on the bank, realized his danger, and a piercing shriek mingled with the roar of the waters.

"Oh, Tom, dear Tom, come back to me! Forgive my cruel words, and come back—for baby's sake and mine!" and she held the little, wet, shivering thing up in full view of its parent out on the river.

He heard not her words, but he saw his child, and every feeling vanished before the paternal. He turned and looked at the towering mass above him, and for a moment those on shore hoped he might escape. But the next! A terrible grinding crash, as the great tree parted, an awful, muffled roar, and for a single instant the lumberman's form stood poised on the broken tree. He kissed his hand once, and above the din came the words, "It was for you, Maggie; you and the baby," and then he went down, and was borne away by the rushing swirl of waters.

Half an hour later searchers found a limp, unconscious body suspended to the branches of a tree where it had been left by the now receding waters. It was at first thought that the man was dead, but closer examination revealed the fact that he breathed, and a liberal draught from a lumberman's flask forced down his throat partly restored him to consciousness. That night Tom Harding was carried home to his wife, terribly maimed and bruised, it is true, but still alive. Under her tender and happy ministrations he finally recovered, and from his terrible experience gleaned a lesson that will last him all his life. Today not a happier trio lives than Tom and Margaret and their baby.

WOMEN AFTER THE BALLOT.

In a number of Western states the question of equal suffrage is being made a paramount issue by the women. Women make up as much a part of life as men. The woman in the home does as much work as the man in his line of endeavor,

and she is entitled to every privilege a man should have. There should be no taxation without representation, nor should there be a double standard of morals or business. It is silly to declare that woman will become defiled if she is given the ballot. Such an argument by the antis is a strong card for the suffragists, for it shows that if man-made politics is as rotten as all that, it is time the women are given a hand in the game, even though a few have to become martyrs to the contamination. However, there is no danger of the ballot contaminating any good woman. The woman who would be contaminated by the ballot is already beyond the pale of decency. The women are as much entitled to vote as the men. The interests of the family are mutual. They belong to neither sex, consequently both sexes should be endowed with the right to vote upon equal terms. One standard for all is justice and nothing more. Let the men in the states where the suffrage question is to be decided vote in favor of enfranchising the women. If women can be trusted in all other lines, surely they can be trusted with the ballot.

EARLY AND LATE.

Go to bed early—wake up with joy;
Go to bed late—cross girl or boy.
Go to bed early—ready for play;
Go to bed late—moping all day.
Go to bed early—no pains or ills;
Go to bed late—doctors and pills.
—St. Nicholas.

TO TEST FOR COLOR FASTNESS.

Before making colored materials into house dresses, children's clothing or garments requiring much laundering and receiving much hard wear, they should be tested for fastness to washing and to light.

To Test for Fastness to Washing

If the color is solid or there is little or no white, the sample should be plaited with a strip of white material.

Make a strong soap solution. Heat this until it is warm but not hot. Rub and squeeze the materials in this about ten minutes. Rinse in cold water, let it lie in water fifteen minutes, wring out and dry. If the color of the material is not changed, the water not colored and the strip of white not stained, one may be reasonably sure that the color is fast to washing. For a more severe test add some washing powder to the soap solution.

To Test for Fastness to Light

Expose a piece of material, in a wet and dry condition, to the strong sunlight for a week. This exposure is not long enough to insure absolute fastness, but if the material does not show signs of fading in this length of time, it is pretty safe to use.—Charlotte E. Carpenter, Colorado Agricultural College.

ABOUT PORCH FURNITURE.

There should not be a surplus of furniture on one's porch. One or two armchairs, a tea table and a straight chair or so, are enough for the average porch. A settee is also very useful, but a swing that will comfortably hold two or three persons is generally more popular. The table, too, should have a cover, which may also be bound with tape and have a colored tassel at each corner, where there must also be tapes to tie the cover at each corner, to the leg of the table, to hold it perfectly straight on all occasions. Another dainty addition would be one of those useful trays with a glass bottom showing a piece of the cretonne to match the chair coverings.

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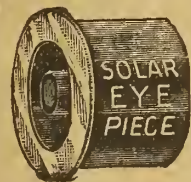
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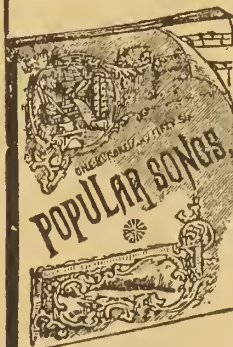
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With wonders strange and changes plenty!
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My first love's boy is four and twenty;
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At this juncture the young man thought it was getting late and he would get his sweetheart and go home, but not just knowing where she sat, he rose to his feet and looked over the audience.

The minister, mistaking his intentions, asked, "Young man, are you seeking salvation?"

To which the young man smilingly replied, "At present I am seeking Sal Jackson!"

MUST HAVE BEEN A VETERAN.

Awkward mistakes occur sometimes through falling into certain mannerisms of expression. A parson had a habit of frequently saying "for years and years and years" in the course of a sermon. He was preaching on the prodigal son, and spoke of him sitting down in that far-off land thinking of the home that he had not seen "for years and years and years."

This was all right, but presently he spoke of the welcome to his old home, and of the calf which his father had kept in anticipation of that happy day.

Yes, said he, dropping into his favorite cadence for the winding up of a sentence, "yes, the calf which he had kept for years and years and years."

Then somebody laughed.

THE BABY GOT IT ALL RIGHT.

The mistress of the house had been to a concert, and when she returned she was met by the servant with "Baby was very ill while you were out, mum."

"Oh, dear!" said Mrs. Youngwife. "Is he better?"

"Oh, yes, mum; he's all right now, but he was bad at first. I found his medicine in the cupboard."

"Good gracious! What have you given the child? There's no medicine in the cupboard."

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Johnny—"An example in arithmetic."

Professor—"When is the best time for gathering apples?"

Young Student—"Please, sir, when the farmer's back is turned and there is no dog in the orchard."

"Won't you be very, very happy when your sentence is over?" cheerfully asked a woman of a convict in prison.

"I dunno, ma'am, I dunno," gloomily responded the man. "I'm in 'for life."

The teacher was examining the class in physiology. "Mary, you tell us," she asked, "what is the function of the stomach?"

"The function of the stomach," the little girl answered, "is to hold up the petticoat."

Judge—"What is the charge against the prisoner?"

Officer—"Your honor, he's a public nuisance. He's been goin' around in the middle of the night wakin' up night watchmen an' thin runnin' away."

A little boy spent the day in the country at his grandmother's. Such a good time as he had, running and racing and shouting for all he was worth! At last night came, and tired and sleepy, the little boy sought repose. "Oh, grandmother," he cried, as he kissed her good-night, "now I know what a hollerday really and truly is, for I've hollered all day long!"

The five-year-old daughter of a well-known humorous writer appeared one morning at the breakfast table with suggestions of a cold beginning to manifest itself.

"Why, Kathleen," said her father, "you are a little hoarse."

"Am I?" said Kathleen, resentfully. "You said I was a little pig yesterday!"

"Wasn't King John a wicked man?" said the professor's little daughter the other evening. "He used to run over people with his motor cars."

The professor was puzzled. "Haven't you made a mistake?" he inquired, doubtfully.

"Surely your teacher didn't tell you that."

"Oh, yes, she did. She told us that King John ground down the people with his taxis."

One day Miss Maria Thompson Daviess, the author, walked down a street in Nashville. The street was crowded with negroes, who were forming in line for a parade.

"What's the occasion for the parade, Tom?" she asked of a boy.

The boy looked at her with a grin. "La, Miss Daviess," he replied, "don't you-all know colored folks well 'nough to know dat dey don't need no 'casion foh a p'rade?"

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"Bobby," called his mother's voice, sweetly, "please close that door." But Bobby was in a hurry and went on.

"Robert," came father's sterner voice, "close that door."

Bobby returned and closed the door. Some time later he came in quietly, put up the case and overcoat, and started upstairs.

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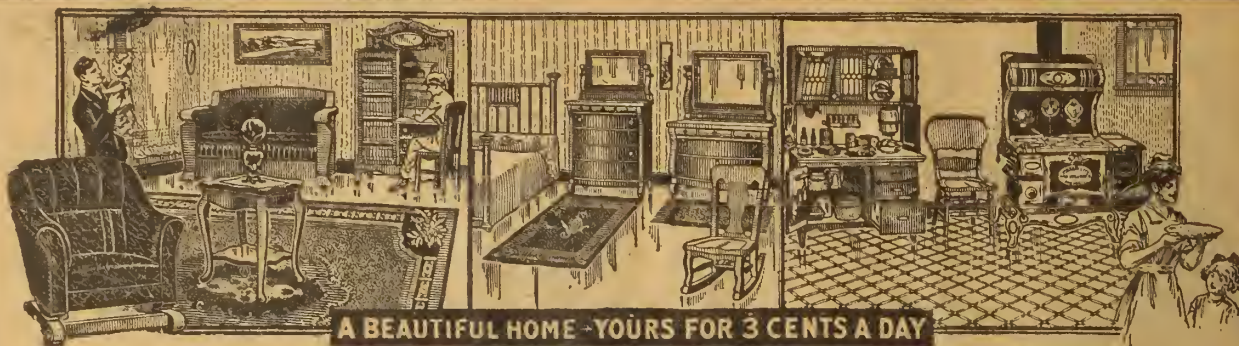
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WITH THE EDITOR

Terrible Atrocities in Turkish Lands

According to late advices, the atrocities now committed in Turkey surpass anything ever seen in the palmist days of Abdul, the arch assassin. They include torture of the most revolting types, murder by wholesale, and a method of deportation that separates families and sends large numbers of the victims to inevitable death. In one prosperous city a number of the leading Armenian men were taken out upon the road under pretense of deportation, and in a few hours the guards returned alone. A few days later about three hundred more men followed the same path of death. This method is being duplicated everywhere in the interior of Turkey and in lands dominated by Turkey. This method of extermination, aimed at elimination of the Christian races in Turkey, is going on from Smyrna to Persia and from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean. Verily the wounds of the "Sick Man of Europe" are in process of healing; and today the world is witnessing the vision seen by the Biblical prophets, the persecution of the saints, made possible by the strength and power imparted to the old and weak nation by the young and powerful kingdom now giving its assistance.

"Necessity" This word "necessity" is used to justify so many irregularities and atrocities that it has well been said that it "knows no law." It was lately used in the courts of New York to justify the slaughtering of hogs on Sunday in certain large abattoirs in New York and Brooklyn. The killing of animals on Sunday is not permitted in the great packing centers of the United States, and a movement was undertaken to ascertain whether it was legal here as a "work of necessity and charity." The defense set up was that of necessity, growing out of an alleged public demand for pork fresh from the slaughtering floor. But it was shown that this demand was but a whim of taste, not found elsewhere in the country, and not healthy anywhere, inasmuch as meat is more wholesome when properly chilled. It was shown that the real object of the Sabbath-breaking corporation was to save the expense of refrigeration. The State Supreme Court decided that Sunday work of this sort was not necessary, thus releasing hundreds of workmen for a day of rest.

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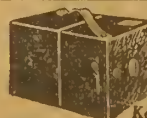
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The Mysterious Murder of the Miser

By FRANK H. CONVERSE

An Exciting Story of Land and Sea Adventures, Depicting Many Thrilling Situations, and in Which the Hero and Heroine Finally Overcome All Obstacles

IS LIFE worth the living? Miss Morier thought it was. True, in a relative sense, she was alone in the world. But there were compensations. Positive amiability, comparative youth and superlative health, for example. Also, a more than average share of good looks, a securely-invested fortune and a venerable brick mansion on a still aristocratic Boston street.

"A charming woman, only just the least bit eccentric, don't you know?" said the select circle of presumed friends.

Yet eccentricity may have a wide range. According to Stuart Mill, it has always abounded when and where strength of mind abounded. Though Miss Morier was not strong-minded in the least—meaning in the present-day acceptance of the term. She simply chose to be a law unto herself in certain matters, social and conventional. For example, she abjured philosophy and theosophy, expressed a preference for Walter Besant rather than Howells, and Longfellow than Browning. She objected to substituting for that which is becoming in dress something decreed by the inexorable dictates of fashion. She was not interested in charities and church work, in their public phases, but she *was* interested in the working classes, with whom she was on terms of frank equality.

Again, Miss Morier had a peculiar fondness for the sea and all things connected therewith. Her late father, Captain Cyrus Morier, had left her with other property, both real and personal, his yacht, the Fearnought. Every summer Miss Morier took a short cruise to Barmouth-by-the-Sea, where she abode for a longer or shorter season.

But the stamp and seal to Miss Morier's so-called eccentricity was the unaccountable fact that she showed little or none of the interest in the masculine sex that society expected of her. Indeed, it was whispered that she had refused three most eligible offers in as many years. So far as society knew, she was perfectly heart whole. In fact, she said so herself, with all seriousness. Romance and sentiment, Miss Morier asserted, were entirely out of her line. She rather doubted their existence in this prosaic nineteenth century; that is, excepting in fiction. But when it came to fact—and an expressive shrug of Miss Morier's shapely shoulders said the rest.

Perhaps Miss Morier was as sincere as the world in general. Possibly she only deceived herself. But one day her eyes were opened, and it was in this wise: Her attention had been attracted by a rather clever, unframed bit of seashore and sky, in the window of a small picture

store on Cornhill. Miss Morier believed in encouraging struggling artists, and though this was no mean performance, there were only the letters, "J. A. T., 19—," in one corner. So she stepped in.

Miss Morier was directed by a clerk to the artist himself. He was painting a counterpart to the picture she had admired, under a dingy skylight at the rear of the shop. Several reproductions of the same subject, with variations, stood leaning against the wall.

The painter looked up from his work. Then coloring ever so slightly as he glanced at his paint-stained blouse, he respectfully awaited her bidding, while Miss Morier secretly and severely took herself to task. For the thought had come unbidden that here was the handsomest man she had ever seen in her whole life. He was perhaps twenty-five years of age. His figure was upright and splendidly developed, with the shoulders of an athlete and the waist God intended for woman. He had crisp, dark hair, a drooping mustache, and deep, unfathomable eyes which were black in certain lights. All this Miss Morier noticed in one quick, comprehensive glance. Then she proceeded to the business in hand without delay.

The artist said but little, yet his every word and his whole bearing bespoke the gentleman to the manner born. He did not evidently intend that the respectfully

admiring glance which suddenly flashed from his dark eyes, as Miss Morier stood arranging with the dealer for the framing of her purchase, should be detected. But it was, and the artist blushed like a girl.

Hardly knowing whether to feel flattered or offended, Miss Morier left her address and the shop. Yet aware that she was looking her best in a particularly becoming suit, like a sensible young woman, she decided that probably the admiring look was intended for that, and resolved to forget so trifling a matter. Yet, as was quite natural, she vaguely wondered who the shabby, handsome artist might be. Also how he came to be doing "pot boilers" for a picture dealer instead of acquiring possible fame in a studio of his own. For, as I have said, the picture was a very clever little thing, and Miss Morier was no mean judge of art.

Possibly Miss Morier would have forgotten the matter, only that a couple of weeks later her memory was refreshed. A careless servant had broken some of the carving on an old oak escritoire in her library. Mr. Curio, the dealer in modern antiquities, being duly notified, sent a workman to see what was to be done to it.

"The man's in the library, ma'am," said Mary, the maid, and thither proceeded Miss Morier, who, as I have said, was interested in the working classes. The door was ajar, and Miss Morier's slippered feet made no sound on the heavy carpet as she entered.

But what did this mean? The workman's kit of tools stood near the escritoire, but he was standing at the writing table in the middle of the room, with his back toward the mistress of the manse. In his hands was the volume of Hamilton Aidee she had laid down that morning. Miss Morier knew this from the simple fact that as she paused, dumbfounded, she heard him reading, half aloud, this verse:

"Wouldst thou rather have a kingdom and a castle by the sea,
Far from all whom thou hast cared for—far from all who care for thee—
Than see at night the eyes thou lov'st across a cottage fire,
And know thyself enthroned there—the queen of his desire?"

Miss Morier uttered an involuntary exclamation. The book fell from the intruder's hands, and turning, he faced her.

Miss Morier did not speak. In fact, for the moment she could not; for her workman was none other than the artist of the little picture store. She could but notice that his expression was not so much of surprise as of half embarrass-

OCTOBER

By A. M. Marriott

It now is October, and sunshine hangs over
Each hill and each valley the lovely days
through;

The wild birds are calling, the ripe nuts are
falling,
And the hills in the distance are hazy and
blue.

The oak trees are crimson, and golden the
maple;

The purple grape clusters hang full on the
vine;

The orchards are bending with fruits that are
sending
Out odors that Arabia's spices combine.

The measureless ocean of ether above us
Is dotted with tiny white sails o'er the blue;
Or can each be a fairy, so light and airy,
As, borne on a zephyr, they vanish from
view?

The cobwebs that float in the soft air about us,
Were they telephones reaching from earth to
the skies,

Oh, dear ones who love us, though now far
above us,
What fond, loving messages to thee would
arise!

But who can be sad when the dear world
around us

Is covered with beauty and crowned with
good cheer?

Bid farewell to sorrow, take hope for the mor-
row.

O royal October, thou art queen of the year.

ment, as for one brief moment he stood facing her—speechless. And this was what he saw: A noble-looking woman, whose age might be somewhere near his own. Her figure was full, yet neat, and so perfectly proportioned that her height, rather above the average, was hardly noticeable. Dusky, abundant hair curled low over a broad, white forehead. The lustrous eyes looking into his own had in their depths possibilities of passion as yet unconscious of its own strength. But in them then he only saw a shadowing of the surprise and half recognition implied by the expression of the slightly parted, scarlet lips.

Her visitor was first to break the silence.

"I beg a thousand pardons," he said, with an ease and courtesy singularly at variance with his workman's garb. And as Miss Morier gravely inclined her head, he went on: "I found that the escritoire must be taken to the shop, after all. The entire front panel will have to come out. And while waiting for some one to come, I took up Hamilton Aidee."

"It is nothing," murmured Miss Morier. She knew this was an inane response, but nothing else had occurred to her at the moment, and she was angry that her cheeks had flushed under his gaze, in which she more than fancied she saw a reflex of the same look, he had presumed to give her at their first meeting.

Miss Morier pulled herself together.

"You will see that the escritoire is sent for soon, please," she said, and touched a knob for the hall servant.

Out of her curiosity Miss Morier would like to have questioned her visitor as to his change of occupation, though this would not have been strictly proper according to social ideas. But at the servant's appearance she was dumb.

The workman stepped through the doorway without turning his back toward her, she noticed.

"Good-day," she said, raising her clear eyes to his face.

"Au revoir!" he returned, in a low but distinct tone, and was gone.

"Au revoir!" Truly, the foundations of society were tottering. Hardly crediting the accuracy of her ears, Miss Morier sank into the nearest chair and pressed her hand upon them. Her ears were there—burning tremendously, it is true, but there.

What was this world coming to? A workman painting with skill, reading Hamilton Aidee with feeling, and daring to address her, his employer, in a sense, with such freedom! Yet a greater shock was in store for Miss Morier—two of them, in fact. Taking up her pet volume, she found the verse she had listened to marked with a lead pencil. Shock No. 1.

Dropping the book in dismay, not unmixed with righteous indignation, Miss Morier's eyes naturally rested on the table. The oblong, glass paper weight near her writing desk was in its place; but where was the cabinet photograph of herself—taken at her best—that had rested beneath it only a short half hour before?

None of the servants had entered the library during that time—that Miss Morier was certain. Only one conclusion could be arrived at in such case: The visitor had appropriated it.

"I never heard of such—presumption!" exclaimed Miss Morier, who had hesitated for a fitting adjective.

Yet, although a Bostonese, Miss Morier, like most women, inwardly conscious of certain personal attractions, was very human; that is, when it came to the self-confidences peculiar to man and womankind in general.

Quite reluctantly she had to admit that there was a suggestion of the romance she had relegated to fiction. Romance confined entirely to the masculine side, it was true. Yet possibly romance feigned for a purpose, who should say? For Miss Morier was no weak-minded woman to be flattered by the seeming interest of a good-looking stranger, who, for aught she knew, might be masquerading with an eye to her jewelry or the family silver. Far from it.

But all the same, she was haunted by the handsome, intellectual face. And like Banquo's ghost, it would not down at her bidding.

"This will never do, Louise Morier." Thus she told herself a few days later. Whenever in her self-communings Miss Morier was particularly severe with herself, she used the name by which her father had known her. Secretly she had often wished she might be thus called by her female friends. Yet for some inscrutable reason it was never Louise Morier, but always "Miss Morier."

"Perhaps people think 'Miss Morier' fits me better than 'Louise,'" she had told herself a little wistfully, and possibly was too proud to mention her preference.

I have said that one of Miss Morier's presumed eccentricities was the ownership and enjoyment of a yacht. Not a fancy, skimming dish, resplendent with gilding, intended for smooth water and summer breezes, mind you. But a roomy, staunch, schooner-rigged twenty-tonner for cruising in all winds and weathers; designed by and built for Captain Cyrus Morier, whose fortune, accumulated in the China trade, was left without reserve to his "beloved and

only child, Louise Morier." With the yacht, Fearnought, Miss Morier had inherited her father's love for everything pertaining to the sea.

Every summer, as I have said, accompanied by a small but select party, she cruised along shore in the Fearnought as far as Barmouth-by-the-Sea, where she abode for the heated term. Old Captain Gerry, who had voyaged with her father in past years as officer, was her sailing master. His home was at Barmouth, but from Cape Henry on the south to Quoddy Head northwardly, there was no better coast pilot. And no part of Miss Morier's existence was so really and truly enjoyed as that spent between the cruise on board the Fearnought and the sojourn in Barmouth-by-the-Sea.

Hence it was, Miss Morier having decided that something connected with her land life would not do, took definite action. That is, she decided to let the sea breezes do what they could toward blowing the fanciful cobwebs from her brain, and made arrangements for beginning her annual summer cruise at least three weeks earlier than was her wont, and sent out invitations to that effect to half a dozen of her particular friends.

But a disappointment awaited her. Whether owing to the earlier departure or not, they all with one consent began to make excuse, but not as in Scripture record; times have changed since then. It was too soon to leave Boston. No one from Commonwealth Avenue had thought of going away so early. The weather was not settled, neither was the definite style of the yachting suit for the season. And so on.

Mrs. Keyner, a dashing widow, claiming relationship by marriage with the family, was making a call on Miss Morier. The latter lady, mentioning the facts stated above, forgot herself a little; that is, she declared her intention

JIM COURTS FANNY

By Charles H. Meiers

Jim courted a maiden named Fanny,

A beautiful, popular girl—

A girl whose admirers were many

And who set their heads all a-whirl.

One rival was handsome and wealthy,

And when he took her down the line,

It made Jim look sad and unhealthy,

The show was so dazzlingly fine.

To Jim the outlook was alarming,

For Fanny appeared to be gay;

She smiled in a manner quite charming,

As though she just loved the display.

But, goaded at last into action,

Jim threw down the gauntlet, and said,

If true love was any attraction,

'Twas his fond desire that they wed.

And Fanny, who cared not for glamour,

Looked up with her pretty eyes dim,

And all she could say was to stammer,

"Your love is my life, dear old Jim!"

of going to Barmouth in the Fearnought, attended only by her maid, rather than be disappointed of her sea trip.

Mrs. Keyner, who was forty, fascinating and far-sighted, at once held up her hands.

"But, my dear," effusively, "Robert and I would be only too glad to accompany you. Robert's brig, the Juno, has put in Barmouth for repairs. He has to go there next week anyway, and proposed that I should accompany him. It would be so charming for us all to go there together in your lovely yacht."

Miss Morier possibly thought otherwise. But without seeming rude, she could not refuse the suggested invitation. She did not fancy Mrs. Keyner, still less her brother Robert, who, during Captain Morier's lifetime, had been a frequent visitor at the house. He was a man under forty, called good-looking, and reputed wealthy. His business was in some way connected with shipping interests. It was said that in his younger days he had commanded one or more vessels. Of this, however, he never spoke. For the rest, Robert Grenfil used good language, and his manners were polished to a smoothness almost abnormal.

So it came about that on a certain perfect day in June the Fearnought stood gallantly down in the harbor and out to the open sea, with Mrs. Keyner and Robert Grenfil as the sole invited guests.

Captain Gerry, a weatherbeaten seafarer, with a halo of white whiskers surrounding his bronzed face, had the wheel. Near him stood Miss Morier, breathing in delight at every inspiration of the salty air, seeing beauty in every changing phase of sea and sky.

"I think you have the same two men we carried last year, Captain Gerry," she said, glancing forward where a couple of clean-looking, stolid-visaged Norwegian sailors were coiling up the halyards.

"Larsen and Andrew—they're the same, Miss Morier," replied Captain Gerry. "There's an-

other chap below that wanted to work his passage to Barmouth," the seafarer went on, "and that reminds me it's time he begun. Andrew, call Jack to relieve me to the wheel, here."

In obedience to a summons bellowed down the fore scuttle, a young man in sailor rig came tumbling up.

Now, Mrs. Keyner had retired to the cabin for reasons not unconnected with the lively motion of the yacht, which was gliding merrily along with the wind well on the quarter.

Mr. Grenfil, holding his hat on with one hand, pointed out various objects of interest to Miss Morier, who, steadying herself against the after-house, was looking through a pair of marine glasses.

The sailor called Jack had come aft and taken the wheel from Captain Gerry.

"Nor' northeast's the course, Jack," said the mariner, with a somewhat curious glance at the sailor, whose athletic form was set off to the best advantage by a tight-fitting, blue jersey.

"Nor' northeast it is, sir," was the sailor-like response.

At the sound of the speaker's voice, Miss Morier started, and came near dropping the binoculars.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Mr. Grenfil, "is anything the matter, Miss Morier?"

Without replying, the lady suddenly turned her head. Following her fixed gaze, Mr. Grenfil saw with astonishment not unmixed with uneasiness, that Miss Morier, with decidedly heightened color, was looking at the remarkably handsome sailor at the wheel.

Few things escaped Robert Grenfil's sharp, black eyes. He noted Miss Morier's too evident agitation and half look of recognition, and even caught the shadowy suggestion of a smile that flashed across the helmsman's clear-cut features, even though the latter's eyes were seemingly fixed on the compass.

"Look here, I don't like this; there's some sort of understanding between these two," was Mr. Grenfil's inward thought. He glanced sharply at Miss Morier again, but her face was averted. Presently she entered the cabin and closed the door.

Mr. Grenfil whistled under his breath, and brought his heavy eyebrows together with a frown.

"Humph!" he muttered; "a mystery here." And then he stared very hard at the helmsman, who returned it with cool indifference.

"Face isn't tanned at all," mused Mr. Grenfil; "hands small—too white for anything but an amateur yachtsman; rig fresh from Jew sloop shop. Steers good trick, though."

For in his meditations Mr. Grenfil had risen and glanced casually at the compass in the brass binnacle before the wheel.

"May I ask your name, young man?" said Mr. Grenfil, blandly, facing the young sailor as he spoke.

"You may," was the brief response. And as the speaker shifted the wheel a couple of spokes, Mr. Grenfil detected a suspicious movement of the broad shoulders of Captain Gerry, who stood looking forward.

"Well, what is it?" sharply demanded Mr. Grenfil, after waiting a moment or two for further information.

"Jack A. Taltrades," gravely returned the young man, adding, quietly, "though I don't know that it concerns you in the least."

Mr. Grenfil scowled viciously.

"Do you happen to know who you are addressing with such insolence, Mr. Jack-at-all-trades?" he said, wrathfully.

"Perfectly well," returned the young sailor; "you are Robert Grenfil, presumed to be a respectable ship-broker. Some years ago you were Bob Grenfil, master of brig Echo, engaged in suspicious traffic in the West Indies."

Robert Grenfil's face grew livid with anger, while his fingers clutched convulsively, as though about the handle of a knife.

"You lie!" he hoarsely responded, with a lightning glance in the direction of Captain Gerry, who appeared serenely unconscious. "You lie! I was never master of the Echo or any other brig in all my life."

"That's quite enough of back talk on both sides," suddenly exclaimed Captain Gerry. He turned and went on, sharply: "Jack, attend to your steerin'." Mr. Grenfil, you know, or ought to, that talkin' to the man to the wheel ain't allowable aboard a yacht no more'n in a ship."

Mr. Grenfil kept back the savage reply that rose to his lips, and walked forward muttering to himself. Jack smiled and said nothing. Captain Gerry chuckled inwardly, but was likewise mute.

Well, it was one of the halcyon days which in summer time broods along the New England shore. The south winds filled the swelling sails with steady breath, sending the yacht forward with a tolerably even rise and fall over the long, regular seas. Overhead, the blue was flecked with clouds, as the sea beneath, no less blue, was flecked with sails—not always snowy, to be sure, but enough so to contrast pleasantly with the dark azure of sea and sky.

On one hand was the hazy coast line, with more distinctly seen outlying islands. Here

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The Day After Death

By HEZEKIAH BUTTERWORTH

Chapter I.

I SHALL never forget that January night. It was in a rural cottage among the cedars. The moonbeams glistened on the snow-covered hills and woodland pastures. Within the house there was a tomb-like silence. The cat and dog lay close to the fire on the braided mat, and it was a relief to hear now and then the rustle of the morning-glory vines in a draft of wind over the porch door.

Old man Halliday was supposed to be dying; the doctor said that he "could not last a week" and that "he would probably never regain consciousness." The doctor—one of the old school—wore a wig and carried a silver snuff box, and I did not question his opinions.

I was a "watcher." Such a one in a country neighborhood is a volunteer in unselfish human service, not the paid trained nurses of the city.

The old man had been in the Union army, was a pensioner, had drawn a back pension, and was reputed to have saved some seven thousand dollars or more in twenty years. He was regarded as a little "near" by his neighbors, but he had a very "feeling" heart full of kindling kindness. He had five nephews and nieces, who had neglected him as he grew old.

One day he confided to the minister's wife that he had been "making savings." She was never to tell any one. The secret took swift wings after it had been "confided" to the much-visiting woman, who made her visits interesting by her special confidences.

From that time the five nephews and nieces began to make errands to the old man, and inquire about his needs and offer to do little things which would cost them but spare time and no money. "Uncle Halliday was one of the creation if he were as tight as the bark of the trees," was the charitable biography allotted to him.

Just what Uncle Halliday's "savings" were or where he kept them became a neighborhood mystery. His many-sided nephews and nieces used to rub their noses betimes and say that they "wished they knew," with the usual quizzical expression of old New England days.

Uncle Halliday was a "clever" man, to use the New England word—a wayside philosopher; and as I sat by him that night he said a very queer thing:

"This may be my last sickness. It don't matter much how soon I go, for this world is holier. You've hearn tell that, haven't you? Our only true friends are those who do for us from willin' hearts, without any hope or expectation of reward. I wish I could be alive on the day after death." He lifted himself up on his elbow, and a comical, pitiful look came into his face. "And I wish—"

"What do you wish, Uncle Halliday?" "Well, I hardly dare to tell you—it may be the last time—well, I'll tell you—" Farewell messages were greatly considered in the old neighborhood. They were regarded as the Scriptures of life. I bent forward, expecting a message as from the skies. "I wish I could eat a pandowdy once more, made by willin' hands and lovin' hearts, as it all used to be. I do—s'death!"

I dropped my eyes to the floor in amazement. What a thought for a man who was dying—a pandowdy!

Some of my readers who have not had an old colony grandfather may ask, "And what was a pandowdy?"

It was simply a great apple pie with appetizing spices baked in a big pan, so that the treacle and juices would run over and "candy" the crusts. It was served when good people had company, and it was sacred to "family returns" and to Thanksgivings.

The plum pudding is something more to England than a mere pudding; all England is in it—her traditions, her family love and lore. So New England went into the pandowdy of the old days. The apples in it stood for her orchards, the crust for her waving fields of summer wheat and the treacle for her ships to the Spanish Main. Even the allspice, cinnamon and mace had suggestions of the far ships that

went to tropic seas. It was eaten with butter that recalled the dairy in June. The bountiful pie represented good-will, household faith and unity.

"What makes you all shut up so?" asked Uncle Halliday. "A pandowdy is to me sort o' sacred. People used to send me pandowdy when they thought I was poor; but after I gave myself away to the elder's wife folks did not seem to remember me that way any more. They think I can provide myself with one. But the pandowdy was a dish that was given away when all the people came home again." He sank back on his pillows, adding, "I have exerted myself too much. Do you suppose people know what happens on the day after death?"

He became delirious. I sent the chore boy for the doctor, and waited the old medical man's visit, with his gig and wig and gone-by snuff box, with no common anxiety.

Uncle Halliday had made enemies. They had come into his experience since the peripatetic minister's wife had "locked up in the secrets of her own heart," as she expressed the ease, the fact that he had made "savings."

He lay breathing stertorously. The doctor came in with the old-time bang and bluster, took the old man's hand, held up his bulging watch, and said, "The life-light flickers; he will never sense anything again." He shook his wise wig and listened to the ticking of the big watch. How could I question him? He laid his hand on the old man's head. "Uncle Halliday?" There was no tremor of response on the old man's lips. "Uncle Halliday, do you know me?" Silence. "His face will change soon and he will breathe no more; and yet his pulse is firm, as with some latent vitality. That's mysterious."

Chapter II.

The dog started up. There had been a still, level snow, and there was the sound of bells in the air. A sleigh was approaching, and I could hear merry voices as the sleigh passed the bridge over the wayside brook.

I looked upon the white face of the old man, and, strangely enough, thought I could see that he heard the bells and the laughter. There was an expression of silent intelligence in his eyes. Had he heard, also, what the doctor had said?

In a few minutes five young people were at the door. I started up.

"I will let them in," said the doctor. "This is a solemn time; they do not know."

He tiptoed with great noise, tumbling over a chair and causing the dog to howl, and using language inappropriate to the serious occasion.

"Tell them to take off their things in the kitchen," said I.

I sat down by the side of the old man and took his hand again. Death was not in that hand. Not yet. I could feel his pulses beat hard and firm.

The young people were the old man's kin, his nephews and nieces.

"We thought we'd take a sleigh ride in the new snow," said one of the nieces to the doctor, "and Uncle Halliday's ease made a good excuse for our coming here. The night is just splendid! Tomorrow night we are going to the apple-paring bee. How is the old man, doctor?"

The heartlessness of the tone depressed me; it caused the back of my neck to feel uneasy. The doctor said, "Hist, hist!" in a vibrating tone. It seemed as if the air spoke. Then he talked in a low, awesome voice of his professional opinion of the old man's condition, his wig bob, bob, bobbing.

I could feel from the lowering of his pulse that the old man was straining his ears to listen.

I do not know what the doctor said, but I heard one of the nephews say, in a hardly-suppressed tone—tones picture the heart—"That is, he is as good as dead now—never will regain his senses again!"

I could feel the old man's pulse quicken; I was reading a silent language. His pulse throbbed. He could not be dying—he was not

unconscious—his stertorous breathing had ceased, and he was intently listening to every word. His heart was hurt. I could feel that by the atmosphere.

One by one the sleighing party looked into the room of their kinsman. The oldest of the party, a nephew, came to the bed and said, "Uncle Halliday?"

I felt a flash of warmth coming back to the old man's hand.

He heard the call; he did not choose to answer, but his thoughts were active. I could feel his mind.

"He will never rouse again," said the young man, an opinion that did not seem to awaken any expression of regret. The young man looked me in the face and asked, in a calculating voice, "Has he expressed any wishes?"

"Only one."

"What was that?"

"That he might have a pandowdy."

A queer silence.

"Has he made a will?"

"I know nothing about his affairs. I came here as his friend, because I would want a friend now if I were in his place. I love the old man, for he lived for good, as far as he was able, and did right as he was given power to see the right; and I pity him, for he is helpless, and I, too, am human. We all are; you are."

I could feel the hand in mine unconsciously tighten.

"But," said the young man, "you may have heard what he told the minister's wife, in strict secrecy, that he had secreted money. If that be so, his kindred should know where his property is. It is their right to know. We ought to know tonight."

I could feel the old man's muscles shrink. Then his pulse rose again. I feared delirium.

One by one the five young people had stepped into the room and stood around the bed. The doctor stood in the door behind them.

"Doctor," said the young man, "you have not heard that uncle has made any writing in our behalf, have you?"

"No; he has said nothing to me in regard to his property."

"Could you not rouse him for a moment, doctor?"

The doctor came forward and passed his hand over the old man's brow. "His temperature is better," he said. "Halliday—Halliday Holme?" he called, in a penetrating voice. There was no motion of the eye or lip. "He will be on the other side in the morning," said the doctor. Then the man in the wig rolled away in the gig.

I spoke to the old man. "Uncle Halliday, your brothers' children are here."

"Ask him where he keeps his money," said one of the nieces, in a tone direct from the heart.

There was a slight convulsion in the old man's face. One of the young men turned away from the bed, which had no voice for him, and said, "We ought to search the house. It's our right, our duty. Let us light candles, and open his secretary, and go up to the chambers, to the harness room, and see what is there. It is our duty."

I saw the old man move; he shook his head. A changed color came into his face and the edge of his lip trembled. Some latent life was coming back again.

"We must find the key to his secretary," said the young man.

The old man made another movement of his head—a shadowy outline movement, as if expressing a negation. The dog saw it from his place on the mat, rose up and uttered a pitiful cry. The animal seemed to feel that his master needed sympathy.

There were hurrying steps in all the rooms now. The house seemed alive like a hive. In the midst of the searching I was left alone with the old soldier. His lips trembled with forthcoming words:

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KETURAH ALLEN sat out under the grape-vine arbor knitting. It was only nine o'clock in the morning—an unseemly hour to knit, as most busy housewives would have said, and which Keturah herself acknowledged in the depths of her lonely, disquieted heart. But what could she do? Since the conqueror came she had had no recourse against time except knitting and missionary work, and even her charity-loving heart could not find the shadow of an excuse for making poor calls this morning. Meadowville was a small place, and since the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Children's Mission Band had been organized, the two or three poor families had found it a sinecure to keep their poverty before the public. Even the most liberal of the work lovers were forced to admit that their proteges were becoming more and more shiftless and lazy.

Keturah loved charity work and hated knitting, and it was this same hate that made her cling to it so assiduously. If she had lived in the right age her sensitive conscience would have provided her with sack cloth and ashes. It was in the lush of middle June, and the odors of honeysuckles and roses were mingled with those of ripening strawberries and pungent herbs. Pollen-dusted bees and iridescent butterflies flitted about in the sunshine, and among the tendrils of the grape vine above her head was the half-concealed nest of a yellow warbler. Nothing was afraid of Keturah; even now one of the warblers was twittering a contemplative interlude not three feet away from her clicking needles.

But Keturah was in a disturbed frame of mind this morning, and was not even conscious of her tiny friend's presence. She could hear the conqueror bustling about in the kitchen—her kitchen now—rattling dishes, opening and shutting oven doors, whistling—yes, actually whistling—to the canary bird, and now and then indulging in a snatch of high-pitched, breezy song. Keturah listened with mingled emotions. The conqueror was a splendid housekeeper—she was glad to admit that, both for her brother's and her conscience's sake—but she was so energetic and so strong-minded and so capable. She did all her housework, and looked after the poultry and flower garden; she was president of the Missionary Society, and found plenty of time to visit and to receive calls. Keturah admired her vastly, and even liked her in a rebuffed sort of way; but somehow, even from her vantage ground of inside spectator, she could never quite understand how one woman could accomplish so much. Every morning her conscience made her offer to help with the work, and every morning the conqueror looked at her with a calmly superior air and said that slow help was a bother.

And that is why Keturah's mornings were spent in the grape-vine arbor or out making poor calls. She wanted to like the conqueror, and tried with all the strength of her tender, shrinking heart. Was she not her brother's wife and her own sister-in-law? And was she not the best housekeeper and the most capable manager in Meadowville? But even with all these attractions Keturah could not force her sensitive, refined nerves to ignore this new order of bustle and energy and self-assertion. And there was another thing: For three and twenty years Keturah had been the undisputed mistress of the establishment, doing the work in her quiet, prim, ladylike way, and never dreaming that the years would bring other change than what rightfully belonged to them. She had been housekeeper for her father until he died, and then for her brother; and although she had once thought—and hoped—that her brother might marry, such a possibility had gradually been lost sight of. He had just passed his fortieth birthday, and she her forty-third, when the conqueror came.

Keturah was not combative, and she honestly tried to take the new order of things according to the light her conscience indicated; but her resolutions were not as strong as the nature handed down by half a dozen generations of refined ancestors. At the end of a month she had gone to her brother and asked for her share of the property, so that she might go off and live by herself. At first he had been incredulous, then sarcastic. Their father had expressed a hope that the property would not be divided, he had told her; and besides, he could not let her have her share without selling the home-

stead, and he would not do that. And, furthermore, he had advanced the unnecessary argument that she was too old to live by herself. She had winced a little at this thrust. It sounded so like the bristling assertions of the conqueror that she turned away, hurt and silenced.

But it was true, she told herself, remorselessly; she was getting to be quite an old woman. And she went to the glass to overwhelm her worldliness with a proof of the fact; but somehow the glass did not carry out the sentence of the assertion. Her skin was still soft, and her cheeks had the same delicate flush that had made her a belle in the far-off days of her girlhood; and there was not a single gray intruder among all the glossy brown hair that was coiled and massed upon her head.

She was thinking of her future now, as she sat under the grape-vine arbor listening to the self-assertive work of the conqueror in the kitchen, and oblivious of the persuasive twittering at her side. Deep down in her heart she was trying to steel herself to something desperate—to go away, to seek employment—anything. If her brother would not give up her share of the property she would surely be able to earn a living somewhere.

A quick step on the gravel walk brought her eyes from the needles and her thoughts from the future.

"Oh, here you are, Miss Keturah! I've looked for you everywhere!" And Florence, the conqueror's sister, bustled into the arbor and plumped herself down on the seat beside Keturah. Florence was eighteen, very vivacious, very dumpy, and very much engrossed in herself. Added to this, she was the pride and admiration of the conqueror's heart.

"Oh, Miss Keturah, have you heard the news?" she cried, as soon as she could get breath. "The Rev. Charles Barden, missionary to Japan, is coming to Meadowville, and is going to lecture to the Missionary Society next week, and is coming here to stay! What do you think of that? Going to stay here with us a whole week!"

Keturah rose quickly, and then sat down and began to ply her needles with desperate energy. She did not even notice that she was knitting back over the same needle.

"What do you mean, child?" she gasped, in a voice that she intended to be calm. "How do you know?"

"Why, what a woman you are," laughed the girl. "One can't even mention missionary work but you go off into the fidgets. Catch me ever getting as struck on charity as that. But it's true. Your brother was at the depot when he got off the train this morning, and he invited him here. I was in your brother's store and saw him, and he's just splendid," enthusiastically, "six feet high and more, and carries himself like a regular soldier. Your brother told me to hurry back and let you all know about his coming." She was silent for some moments, with a self-satisfied smile on her pretty face, then burst out with, "I'm going to set my cap for him! I'm just sick and tired of this poky place, and I always did want to go to Japan and China and those foreign countries!"

"Child, child!" remonstrated Keturah, "he's more than twice your age!"

"Only forty-five," said the girl, perversely. "I heard him tell your brother so. That's just the right age in a man. And there's nobody around here who can be compared with him. I don't believe there are many real handsome women in Japan, and you know, Miss Keturah, a smart girl can do almost anything with a man in a week."

"Maybe he's married, child—"

"No, he isn't, for your brother asked him. He keeps house, and has a Chinaman to cook and do his work. My sister says I must look sharp, for he's the best catch there ever was in this town. He's awful rich, even if he is a missionary." She was silent again for some minutes, tapping her foot complacently against the rustic work of the arbor. Then she looked at Keturah with sudden interest.

"He said he used to live here when he was a young man. Did you know him, Miss Keturah? You must be old enough to remember most everything."

"He went to school with brother and me," said Keturah, quietly. "He used to live in that

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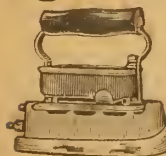
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Then the spirits of the holy ones were supposed to be abroad, also witches and spooks. A spell hung on everything, and many of the old customs, with which we amuse ourselves once a year, are little more than rites and incantations which only entertain in these prosaic days.

No other festival, not even Christmas, is marked with such informality, unrestraint and merriment. Even in a two by four flat, with an electric chafing dish instead of an open fire on a wide hearth, on which to roast apples and nuts, a Hallow'e'en party can be a great success.

If there are no cellar steps down which to walk backward at midnight, with a candle in one hand and a mirror in the other to see your future husband's face reflected in the mirror when you get to the bottom, there are many other rites that can be performed with quite as much satisfaction.

The decorations and souvenirs for a Hallow'e'en party must be in keeping with the spirit or spirits of the occasion.

There must be weird lights from candles set in jack-o'-lanterns. The most effective of these are made from real pumpkins. Then there are all kinds of grotesque paper lanterns, devil faces and goblin faces that add uncanniness to the scene.

Autumn leaves, pumpkins, sheaves of wheat, ears of yellow corn, wild autumn flowers and the same old things that have been used for decoration for hundreds of years can be found in the market today, and, whether you live in a country house or a little flat, your party can be just as well appointed.

Placed on a pyramid of very red apples interspersed by a few oranges, is a jack-o'-lantern with a candle inside. At intervals ears of corn, red and yellow, are arranged, with the addition of a few little gray mice, harmless because they are made of cotton wool.

The favors are simple enough, but much more amusing than expensive ones bought at the confectioner's. Two potatoes are used to form an ostrich. Three twigs form its legs, a twig and the small potato its neck and a bunch of feathery asparagus its tail.

Then comes a graceful boat made of a curved banana with masts of twigs and letter paper sails. The cucumber porcupine is the simplest of all. Toothpicks form his spines and his short legs. The kettle favor is also simple enough. Just an orange with four twig feet and a bit of holly stuck in the top, which has been scooped out.

But for those who have no time and inclination to make these ingenious and amusing souvenirs there are innumerable inexpensive ones to be purchased.

Lovely Keturah

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house across the street. I believe he was considered a very nice young man then."

"I should think so!" scornfully. "At any rate, he's the finest man I ever saw! But there they come now!" and she hurried away as the two men turned in the gate and walked leisurely up the gravel walk toward the house.

Keturah did not rise, but half an hour later she was conscious, without looking up, that some one had left the house and was coming directly toward the grape-vine arbor.

"Miss Keturah!" She rose calmly and gave him her hand.

"I am glad to see you, Charles," she said, cordially. "It's been a long time since you were here."

"Yes, a long time—" Then Florence bustled into the arbor and bore him off to look at the flower garden.

The next few days Keturah saw very little of him. Florence had him in charge most of the time, making poor calls, wandering about the fields, or on the piazza chatting of the delights of travel and missionary work. But on the fifth day Florence was obliged to go to her dressmaker to try on an elaborate costume she was having made for the missionary meeting. While she was gone the Rev. Charles Barden found his way across the lawn to the grape-vine arbor where Keturah sat knitting. She greeted him quietly and made room for him on the seat beside her.

"I haven't seen so much of you as I hoped," he began, gravely, as he sat down.

"There's been considerable going on," she said.

"Yes; I have been trying to get a chance to speak with you alone, but this is my first opportunity. Do you remember our last conversation before I left?"

She did not answer, but her needles began to click more rapidly.

"It was in this very arbor, you remember, twenty-five years ago. I asked you to go away with me, and you said that your father was growing old and needed you, and that it would not be right to leave him. Keturah, will you go back with me now? Your father is dead, and your brother is now provided for."

The knitting fell to the ground unheeded and a warm, rich color stole into her face.

"But I am getting to be an old woman now, and you are in the prime of life."

"Ah, indeed!" quizzically. "I am forty-five and you are forty-three; just the same difference between us as there was twenty-five years ago. Will you go back with me?"

But still her conscience made her demur.

"Would not a younger woman do you more good, Charles?"

"I want you, Keturah!" The grave voice grew earnest and tender. "I wanted you twenty-five years ago! I want you now! I shall want you always! Will you go back with me?"

"Yes."

At the supper table that evening the Rev. Charles Barden looked across at his host.

"I believe I haven't told you, John, that Keturah is going back with me," he said composedly.

"No? You don't mean it?" and John Allen looked from one to the other in incredulous amazement. Then he rose hastily and shook each of them by the hand. "I don't suppose it will be any use to object," he said, jocosely. "Keturah is of age, and knows her own mind. But really, Charles, I congratulate you. She is a fine woman, if I do say it."

And from her side of the table Florence looked across at Keturah, with a grimace.

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The surest way that I have found to combat the rose bug is by patient hand-picking. For rose slugs syringe the bushes thoroughly with a strong soap-suds made of whale-oil soap or common soft soap. Fine wood ashes dusted on the bushes when they are damp is very distasteful to the slug.

I do not try to raise many annuals in my flower garden, but cosmos is one so easy of cultivation that I am never a season without it. Last spring I could not get the ground ready for it, except a small place, so I sowed the seed very thickly, and when the plants were about twelve inches high thinned them out and transplanted, pinching off the top of each plant. This pinching back is necessary if you would have stocky, branching plants, and the amount of bloom is very much increased thereby. Chrysanthemums should also be pinched back early in the season to make the plants bushy.

Last season just as the flower buds were forming on my chrysanthemums I found them covered with the black aphid. Nothing seemed to disturb these little pests until I syringed the plants thoroughly with tobacco tea. To make this, take a handful of tobacco stems and steep them by pouring boiling water over them and letting it stand until the water is the color of strong tea. As soon as this tea is cold it is ready for use. This will also destroy the green fly, which often infests plants, doing much damage.

Kerosene emulsion is recommended as an insecticide for all insects that suck the juices of plants. The soap formula for making the emulsion is one gallon of kerosene, one pound of whale-oil soap (or one pint of soft soap) and two quarts of soft water. If the whale-oil soap is used, dissolve it in the water by boiling, remove it from the fire, and add the kerosene; then mix it thoroughly by the use of a force pump or garden syringe, agitating it violently until well mixed and the consistency of cream. For use dilute the emulsion with fifteen to twenty parts of soft water, and apply with a spray pump or garden syringe. This emulsion will keep almost indefinitely, and can be diluted as required for use. If only a small quantity of emulsion is required and for immediate use, it may be made by the milk formula; that is, one part of sour milk, two parts of kerosene; agitate with an egg beater or syringe until a thick, buttery consistency results, and then dilute with water for use as with the soap emulsion. To destroy the red spider, that tiny insect that often works

such havoc on house plants, add one ounce of powdered sulphur to the gallon of diluted emulsion and spray the plants thoroughly.

GERANIUMS.

The ordinary method of carrying geraniums over the winter as used by florists is as follows:

A few vigorous young plants are taken into a conservatory or greenhouse and cuttings are taken from these during the winter, from which a new supply of plants is grown for spring use. The cuttings for the spring supply should not be made later than January, if good, stocky plants are desired for the next summer's use.

The ordinary householder who desires to keep his or her plants through the winter is not usually the possessor of a conservatory where he can follow the method outlined above. The following suggestions may help him to keep a part of his geraniums, at least, throughout the winter season. Before the frost has killed the plants, dig up the geraniums and place them in a cool, damp cellar. This cellar should be cooler than that in which bulbs are kept, ranging in temperature from 40 degrees to 50 degrees; in other words, such a cellar as is suitable for storing potatoes.

The plants may be placed in deep boxes, standing up and packed close together, with a little dry soil about the roots. Geraniums are also sometimes hung up by the roots on the wall or from the joists. In spring the tops of these plants should be again planted. A loss of half the plants is to be anticipated in following this procedure.

TULIP BULBS SHOULD BE PLANTED IN THE LATE FALL.

Tulip beds that are expected to brighten the lawn in the early spring must be planted in the late fall after heavy frosts or light freezes have checked vegetation. On the fortieth parallel they should be planted about the first week in November, and farther south a little later. These plants are adapted to out-of-door culture in all parts of the United States where the weather is cold enough to freeze the soil for a few weeks in the winter, and they should be planted about a month before the ground is liable to freeze up. Other "Holland bulbs," such as the hyacinth and narcissus, should be planted at the same time as the tulip.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's specialist considers that tulips are most appropriately planted among shrubbery where they may be naturalized or where they may remain permanently. In general they are used to advantage in formal beds or in borders on the lawn.

The best soil for the tulip is a light, loamy soil. The soil should be well drained, and sand is better than clay. In clay soils it is desirable to set the bulbs on a layer of sand, to insure drainage, while in very heavy soils the sand should completely surround them. They do best in a rich soil, but manure should not come in contact with the bulbs. It is best applied to a previous crop. When fertiliza-

tion is necessary at the time of planting, well-rotted manure compost should be used. The soil should be put in excellent condition.

Tulips should be set four inches deep, while hyacinths and narcissi should be set six inches, in all cases measuring to the bottom of the bulbs. Care should be taken to have the bulbs of any variety of a uniform size and to set them at a uniform depth, as on this depends uniformity in time of blooming.

As soon as the surface of the ground freezes to a depth of two or three inches, the bed should be covered with coarse manure to prevent alternate freezing and thawing, and also to prevent freezing below the bottom of the bulbs and so prevent the formation of roots during the winter. As soon as freezing weather is over in the spring the mulch should be removed, at least the coarser part of it.

After blooming, the naturalized plantings need no further attention except when replanting becomes necessary, which in the case of tulips would be in about three years, and of the other bulbs about five. Bedded bulbs should be left as long as possible before digging, so as to ripen them. They are ready when the foliage begins to die. If necessary to dig before ripe they will deteriorate more rapidly than if well ripened. After digging, dry in the sun until the tops are well cured, take off all the leaves, store on shallow trays, where mice and rats will not trouble, until the following autumn.

CANNAS, DAHLIAS, ETC.

As soon as the tops of cannas, dahlias, gladiolas, caladiums, and similar plants, are killed by the frost, the roots or bulbs should be dug and stored in a cellar, where the temperature will remain about 55 degrees and should never go below 50 degrees or above 60 degrees. No more earth should be shaken from the clumps of cannas and dahlias than is necessary to remove them from the ground. The plants may be placed on racks or in slat boxes so the air may circulate freely through them. No frost must reach the roots, nor must they become too warm or dry.

With bulbous plants, such as caladiums, gladiolas, tuberose, it is desirable to remove all the soil and dry them in the open air a day or two before storing.

The killed tops of all vegetation may well be removed from one's flower beds after Jack Frost has visited them. This is merely for the sake of appearance, as it has nothing to do with making the garden more successful the coming season.

PANSIES.

If pansies are expected to do well in the South they must be set out in the fall, and need the protection of manure, as do the perennials. In the South, pansies make the best showing in the early spring, and later in the summer are burnt up by the hot sun. North of the region from New York City to Springfield, Ill., pansies do better if set out in the spring than if planted in the fall, for in these regions the flowers will not be affected by the strong sunlight, and they should blossom all summer.

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Culture of the Lily of the Valley—Mrs. E. F. Cavitt, Texas—From your report of the planting of the lily of the valley pips, the writer would think that only time is necessary to bring about satisfactory results. All perennials should have one season to establish themselves, after which they grow very vigorously and rapidly. Lily of the valley should have the same treatment as should be given to hardy perennials in general. As hardy perennials are expected to do well in the same space of ground for years, it is advisable to have the soil well prepared before planting. Deep and thorough digging and subsoiling will loosen and sweeten the ground, especially if done in the fall, and in addition the ground should be well enriched. While most of hardy perennials prefer an open and sunny position, a number of them, such as lily of the valley, digitalis, funkias, anemones, aquilegias, etc., prefer a shady and sheltered planting location. Hardy perennials should never be allowed to suffer for want of water during their growing season, and when well established and producing quantities of flowers, a thorough watering will keep the plants in good shape; mulching is also advisable. The different ways of multiplying hardy perennials are extremely simple and may be suc-

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The Day After Death

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"I heard 'em! My brain burns—I seem to be on fire! I wish I could be alive on the day after death. I'll make a sorry funeral for them! Go, chore boy, go and say to my old neighbors that I want them to come and make a pandowdy for me tomorrow! Then I will die!"

Chapter III.

He had made an enemy of an old colored woman called Cloe. He had once given away eggs to a poor, sick family where she had hoped to sell some. "Such doings as dose," she said, "was grindin' de face of de poo." She was a "middling good woman," but she looked into the bushes as he passed by. He had also offended the old poultrywoman by underselling his own poultry in a case of need. She never offered him a seat in her carriage as they passed on the road. He could have a carriage of his own. He had made an enemy of Job, the selectman, by refusing to go to the polls at a close election. He had given offense to the church by opposing the hiring of singers when some of the members were in arrears for rent, and had incurred the ill-will of the army post by taking Charles Sumner's views of the disposal of the battle flags.

"I remember all who need my heart," he used to say. "I try to help all and to hinder none, but I make enemies when my open hand shuts the hand of others."

He listened to the searchers. The effort was too much; he seemed to lose his consciousness again, and breathed heavily. I heard him say, "Pandowdy—home light—the old home table—true home hearts. Oh, for the orchards and fields!"

Chapter IV.

The young people came back. They had found nothing.

"You said that he had expressed one wish," said the nephew. "What was that?"

"That he could once more eat a pandowdy made in the old way, as a gift by true hearts and hands. They used to make those old New England pies in his boyhood." I tried to express the old man's inner thought.

"Was that all? What did he hide his money for—from his own kin, too? Why should he expect gifts from anybody?"

"Where is his key?" said a niece, shaking a gourd over the mantel. The gourd rattled. She had found a key. She turned toward the small room adjoining, where the old man kept his secret, and closed and locked the door.

"Can this be the true world?" he asked, when she had gone.

"No," I answered; "there is a better one."

"Where?"

"Here."

"When?"

"When the old family heart returns to its true self. It is the second thought that is the true first nature. Wait and see."

Chapter V.

The scene that followed these unusual events stands out in my mind like a picture in some far, lone room.

A key ground the lock of the secretary in the adjoining room. The old man started up and opened his eyes, as one rising from the dead. He was in a delirium. He threw back the bed clothes with a mechanical, nervous energy, and exclaimed, "It maddens me—my brain burns!" He threw out his arms. His delirium overpowered him.

I moved back in surprise and terror toward the kitchen door. He stepped upon the mat and swayed to and fro. He passed me in his long red night robe like a specter, and locked the door to the hall and held the key in his hand. He turned toward me his excited face, raised his hand and said, "Hush! If you are my friend don't hinder me now! I am not a dying man, but I will die to this world within an hour!"

He went on uttering delirious fancies. Suddenly a new thought seized him. He moved, or rather glided, toward a cupboard over the shelf above the fireplace.

"Put wood on the fire," he said; "pine knots! I want a hot fire, a red-hot fire!" He whirled his arms in the loose sleeves of his red night dress like the fans of a windmill.

I put some dry wood on the fire. It was a keen night, and the wood caught at once and burned high. I thought that he meant that he would need a hot fire for his bloodless limbs, for cool air crept in through the "listen-bound" windows.

He opened the cupboard, looking at me, and took from it a mahogany box. I could see that he was still in delirium. The white light of intense mental force was in his eyes.

"More wood!" he said. "I want a hot fire: this will be a cold night for more hearts than one! I am going to make a sacrifice! A red-hot fire!"

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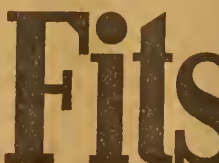
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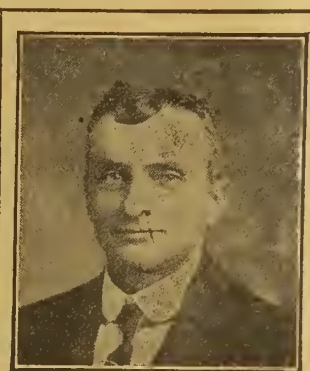
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How I Won Success As a Salesman

By JAMES C. SCOTT

In a recent issue of Opportunity I read an article in which a leading Chicago banker declared that selling offered the best chances of today. And so, as a sequel to that article, let me say that my own experience more than justifies the banker's statement.

My own story is the same as that of hundreds of other men who have broken away from poorly paid positions and found success and independence in the selling field. And because of this fact I thought it might be of interest to other men who are facing the same situation today to learn the secrets of my success.

I had always wanted to be a salesman. That's true. I could see, and was repeatedly told, that the big money in every business was on the selling end. But some way or other I never seemed to have a chance to break into the game. And that, as I have since found out, was because I started out with the wrong idea.

Like other men in the pay-roll rut, I was, to put it frankly, afraid of myself. I lacked confidence in my own ability. I didn't admit it, of course, but that is the fact. I didn't have the courage to break the shackles that had always bound me to a steady, but small, weekly wage. I was so accustomed to walk up to the window each Monday and draw my pay that I was afraid to attempt any other course. I was in a rut and knew it. But, like other men, I lacked the courage to step out.

Today, as I look back, I see the folly of this idea. I know now, as do all other salesmen, that the big money in selling is made by men who work on a commission basis. In fact, of all the salesmen I know, not one would work on any other basis; you couldn't hire them to take a salary of any size.

In my own case it was not until the responsibilities of a growing family made it impossible to longer live on the salary I was making that I decided to make some sort of move. The first thing I did was to "strike" my boss for a raise. In reply I

was told that, on account of business conditions, it was out of the question; that other men could be secured at the same salary and that—in short—I ought to be glad to be retained at all.

It was this turn-down that proved the actual turning point in my life. It was the spark I had always needed to bring out the manhood in me. So, that same night, my blood fairly boiling with new ambition, I went home and told my wife that the die was cast—that I had decided to get out of the old rut and go into the selling game. I expected a good old fight with her over my decision.

But instead she heartily approved the plan and, much to my surprise, went over to the library table, pulled out a magazine and showed me an advertisement. "This," she said, "looks to me like a splendid chance."

"This ad," she went on, "says that any honest, ambitious man can get the exclusive county agency for the Robinson Portable Bath Tub, appoint sub-agents and get a commission on what they make, too. You wouldn't be a common agent then," she appealed to me. "Don't you see you would be general agent for the whole county and have a lot of other salesmen working under you?"

There was no mistaking that appeal. I knew that my wife, too, was beginning to realize that our meager income had to be increased. She knew that if I only had the nerve I could earn enough commissions to enable us to have the comforts and little luxuries we were entitled to. I decided to try.

Our town had no sewer system. There weren't more than two or three semi-modern bathrooms in the town. Ninety-nine per cent of us were compelled to put up with all sorts of clumsy makeshifts. Even at our own home we used zinc tubs that were such a nuisance that bath-nights were dreaded. I knew that conditions were practically the same in eight or ten neighboring towns with which I was familiar.

I knew that I myself would jump at the chance to buy one of these portable tubs. In fact, my wife had already decided to order one for our own home, whether I took the agency or not. The price was not high, yet by getting the exclusive agency for the county I could make \$5 on every sale. So it did look promising. The exclusive county agency appealed to me, too. It gave an added touch of importance and dignity to the business.

Finally, I decided that while I had better hold on to my job until I was sure that I could make a go of it—that I would at least make the try. I had never sold a thing in my life, but I believed that it was largely a question of nerve. As it turned out, however, there wasn't much of that required, for the tub actually seemed to sell itself.

After we had received the sample tub and tried it out in our own home, we knew that we had discovered a winner. The only time I had to spare was during the evening, and so I decided to use that for the try-out. The first night was dark and rainy and there was a strong temptation to wait for more auspicious conditions, but on second thought I concluded that I would be likely to find people at home with nothing to do but listen to me, and that decided it. In five minutes the tub was emptied, dried, and rolled up into a package but little larger than an umbrella, and again I was impressed with the wonderful convenience.

I didn't use any long-winded speech in trying to make a sale. I simply said that we had discovered a bathtub that was so amazingly simple and convenient that we thought they'd like a chance to get one like it. They seemed amused at first at the idea of carrying a bathtub around like an umbrella, and when in another instant they saw the ready-to-use tub, all set up ready for use, they gave me a look very much like a six-year-old bestows upon the magician who produces a live rabbit from an apparently empty silk hat. And they were just as pleased as they were surprised.

I visited only three houses that night and I sold three tubs, or rather three families insisted on buying, and I agreed to accept the orders. If this was selling, it certainly had no terrors, and to think that I had earned \$15 in a little less than two hours—almost as much money as my usual seven days of disagreeable, boss-dominated routine paid me.

Three more evenings were devoted to the try-out and I had a total of eleven tubs sold to my credit. So I decided to quit the old office job altogether. You can imagine how tickled I was and how overjoyed my wife was, too, to know that our petty penny-pinching was no longer necessary.

In the next few days I got several orders without soliciting them at all. Mrs. Smith simply saw the tub at Mrs. Jones' and telephoned me to order one for her. Sometimes when I came home at night my wife would have an order or two waiting for me.

Then I began to pay attention to my opportunities as county agent. Lots of fellows wanted to compete with me when they learned how well I was doing, but Mr. Robinson protected me and referred each of them to me as the county agent. Soon I had a crew of four men working for me in neighboring towns, and as I made a nice, fat commission on their sales, too, it wasn't long before I was enjoying an income eight or ten times greater than my old office job.

The fellows who are working under me are doing almost as well. They range from 18-year-old schoolboys to one old man just passing the sixty mark. One is a woman, and she, too, is succeeding finely. Every one of them left a meager-pay, boss-ridden job and every one of them has succeeded here.

I wish that every man and woman who is tired of low wages, long hours and exacting bosses might follow our example. You can if you only will. Remember, 70 per cent of all the people in the United States are without proper bathing facilities. That spells opportunity for you. Mr. H. S. Robinson, the president of the company, tells me that he still has quite a few exclusive county agencies open. You'll find full particulars in the advertisement below.

\$60 A WEEK AND THIS FREE AUTOMOBILE



BE MY General Agent in Your County! Get into an honest,

Dignified Business of Your Own!

The man who makes big money doesn't depend upon his own efforts. He organizes other men and makes a profit from their labor, too. I show you how to do just that. Give your valuable exclusive sales territory absolutely free. Put you in a position to manage a large crew of successful agents and make fat commissions on their work as well as yours. With the fastest selling specialty on earth—with the help I can and will give you, and with money rolling in from your own sales and the sales of from six to ten men working under your direction—YOU SIMPLY CAN'T HELP BUT SUCCEED.

You are an opportunity seeker. All you want is the chance. I know

Over 70 Per Cent Are Without Bath Rooms

In country and small towns and cities, the percentage is vastly greater than that. These people have gone without the exhilarating, invigorating, health-giving bath, simply because until now they could not get it. They have used all sorts of makeshifts, sponge baths, wooden, zinc and metal tubs of various kinds. Heavy, clumsy, unsanitary, in-the-way tubs. Lugging them in and out before and after the bath. Taking up valuable space all the time.

I have invented a practical bath tub that can be used in any room—bedroom—sick room—kitchen—anywhere—a tub that can be sold at a price within reach of the masses—a tub that is light and yet durable, one that can be folded up and stood up in any corner when you are through with it—**THE ROBINSON STEELINE PORTABLE BATH TUB.**

I wish I could show you this wonderful tub. Look at the picture. See how it folds up after the bath. Pick it up with one hand and stand it away in a corner just as you would an umbrella. Isn't that the climax of convenience? In use it's as stable as the stationary tub—as luxuriant a submergent bath as any city bathroom affords—can't tip or splash, equipped with a handy self-emptying device—plenty of room—just the right shape—simple—perfect, absolutely ideal. We build it of STEELINE, the wonderful new material, and guarantee it for ten years.

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NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

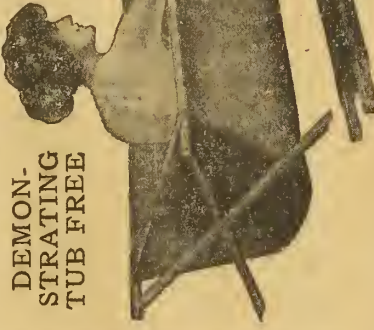
I don't care if you never had a day's selling experience in your life. I know that you can sell this tub and sell it fast enough and often enough to make big money. I know it because fifty per cent of my best representatives are men and women and even boys and girls who never sold a dollar's worth of any kind of goods in their life before they started to work for us. This is no fairy-tale. No dream of mine. Every word I write is founded on what has been done by the representatives who are now working for me. I know that they are just ordinary men and women. I know that if they can sell these tubs as they are selling them that YOU can do the same thing—that YOU can make the big money just as they do. I want to tell you all about it—what my men have done and what you can do. Let me send you full descriptive matter about my goods and convincing testimonials from others I have helped to succeed. Write today—NOW this, very minute—either a postal or letter. These exclusive county agencies won't last long. Pick one of these plums while you can—NOW.

I grant credit—Furnish sample—Help you out—Back you up—Don't doubt—Don't hesitate—Don't hold back—You cannot lose. My other men are building homes, bank accounts, so can you. Act then quick. SEND NO MONEY. Just name on penny post card for free tub offer. Hustle!

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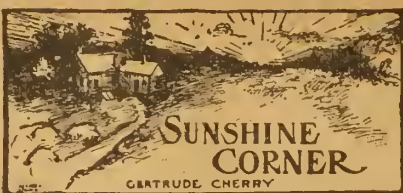
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PRESS ON.

Press on, the haven is not far!
Press on to where the laurels are!
Press on, though thorns thy face shall mar!
Press on!
Press on, the journey is not long!
Press on to where the weak are strong!
Press on, and change the sigh to song!
Press on!
Press on, the price of gain is loss!
Press on, the price of crown is cross!
Press on, though life's wild billows toss!
Press on!
Press on, from rise to set of sun!
Press on until the goal is won!
Press on, till Christ shall say, "Well done!"
Press on!

Our beloved Mrs. Cherry has worked long and faithfully, and has been wearing herself out in the work of cheer. She is now taking a much-needed vacation from her work in the Sunshine Corner, and I am to fill her place to the best of my ability.

I am not quite a stranger to you, for I have been one of the Sunshine correspondents for some time, and I have enjoyed hearing from many of you from time to time. Isn't this Sunshine work a glorious one! What could we find that would pay us better in satisfaction and genuine happiness?

Recently my work has brought me in close touch with prison conditions and with prisoners; and I have been impressed over and over again with the loneliness—the isolation of their position, and with the fact that we who are more fortunate should be very thankful for our freedom and our many friends and privileges that we take as a matter of course, and which are denied this great army of gray-clad men.

But, you say, they have sinned, and must suffer the consequences. Yes, they have sinned—but so have we all. "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone," you know. And because they have sinned, they need our help, our friendship, and our sympathy.

The poem quoted at the beginning of this article was written by an especially gifted young man who is serving a twenty-year term in prison. Some years ago he was converted, and has ever since been devoting his life to Christ's work behind the bars.

My work during the past year has included a correspondence with many prisoners. It is surprising how very susceptible they are to a friendly spirit—a bit of sympathy and encouragement.

These extracts from a letter which was written by a prisoner will show you better than I can tell it, how "the boys" appreciate the little rays of Sunshine which

find their way within the walls: "Your charming little note of the seventeenth was such an uncommon experience, and gave me such genuine pleasure perforce—for what it represented; for whence it came; for the goblins and ghosts and memories of things half forgotten it evoked. It affords me a privilege indeed to 'shake hands' with you, even in the unsatisfactory medium of a letter. The big fact surrounding your missive, the one thing touched me most, is that it represented the first unfeigned interest and sincere fellowship I have had from outside the squared circle, in—oh, whole aeons of time. Hence you will not doubt my deep appreciation!"

Oh! how these boys regret the past and want to retrieve it; how they look forward to the future as a time when they can go forth to make good.

Here is another glimpse into a letter from within the walls: "It is so seldom that one finds time to waste thoughts on us 'shut-ins,' that we cannot help but be deeply impressed at your interest. It is my sincere desire that in the days to come we shall acquit ourselves in a manner deserving of your kindness. We have been weak, very weak at times, but it is the knowledge that just such people as you have not lost faith in us, that is going to make us better men." And later he writes: "Your charming letter of the thirteenth produced the usual results, namely, a cheerful feeling and a greater love for my fellow-men. * * * You wonder why my two years have not seemed long. I guess that it is due to the fact that I realized that through my present position I was to obtain a broader view of what constitutes real pleasure and learn a lesson that was bound to prove beneficial to me. The only thing that has caused me to feel down-hearted at times is when memory takes me back over my foolish past and portrays so vividly the many times that I have been weighed and found wanting. I tell you it is then that a fellow suffers. Thoughts of 'what might have been' insist upon asserting themselves and afford such a contrast to 'what is,' that the feeling produced is poignantly bitter. However, I have discovered a speedy remedy for this ailment. Do you know what I do? Well, the moment these thoughts begin to take hold, I call up visions of 'what might yet be' and am soon so impressed with my visions that I forget the disagreeable things. This may be crude philosophy, but it has served as a wonderful panacea, and whenever I find a person suffering mentally I cheerfully recommend it."

If this is "crude philosophy," it is certainly about the best there is; and it proves that not all of our true philosophers are out in the world of liberty.

A WAY YOU CAN HELP.

Are you wondering, as you read this, just what there is you can do? Are you thinking, "I can't employ prisoners; I can't organize Sunshine Circles; I haven't even a dime to give; what is there left for me to do?"

Listen. Have you in your "piece bag" a scrap of dainty muslin and a remnant of lace and ribbon? And have you an hour to spare in which to make it into a dainty tea apron? Or maybe you have a piece of gingham laid away that would make a servicable work apron? These dainty bits of hand work (any kind of fancy work) sell well at our fairs, and we never have too many. That's just a hint of one way you can help. And I



wonder if I may not look for some of the products of your needle and scrap bag this month? You may rest assured the money realized on the sale of these articles will help a worthy cause.

APPRECIATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Sherman, Pelzer, S. C., R. 3, are delighted with the reading they are getting, and send thanks.

Bessie Parker, Irving, N. Y., sends thanks to those who have written and ordered from her. She was 31 years old September 20th.

WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

Miss Iva Major Dudley, Keene, N. Y., care of Mrs. Dudley, is a lonely orphan girl, 14 years old, who would be so thankful for a post-card and letter shower.

Lillian Austin, Pelzer, S. C., Route 3, had a birthday September 4th. Her letter came too late for the September paper, but I am sure remembrances will be as welcome now.

L. B. Tinsley, 1645 Washington Avenue, Huntington, W. Va., would be very glad of cheer. He grows a little more feeble all the time. He has been paralyzed on both sides from the waist down since 1902.

Little seven-year-old Lena Hamlett, of Cordova, Tenn., was badly burned last winter. She now has to lie strapped flat on her back, with a weight suspended from her head. She would be very glad of pretty picture postals.

Virginia Alice Walsh, care of Mrs. J. W. Walsh, Howardsville, Va., was born September 27, 1904, and has been afflicted all her life with infantile paralysis. She is not in need of anything, but would enjoy getting little remembrances.

Miss Bessie Smith, 818 West Division Street, Springfield, Mo., is very ill; has fever all the time, and must spend her life on a cot. She is always glad to get anything. Enclose a dime or some stamps in your letter. She loves fancy work and crochet work.

A young man studying to be a missionary was obliged to borrow quite a sum of money. As the notes are coming due, he may not be able to go back into school this fall, for having to earn the money to pay them. Who wants to help him with a little contribution? Send it to R. F. Knapp, Cazenovia, N. Y., and mark it "For the Young Missionary."

Lee Mabry, Porter, N. C., is the editor of a fine little Sunshine paper. He is a helpless

cripple, and does all his work lying in bed. He is doing a wonderful and noble work, and it would mean double Sunshine if you would send him a subscription for his paper, which is only 25 cents a year. With each subscription he sends a post-card photo of himself and little account of his life.

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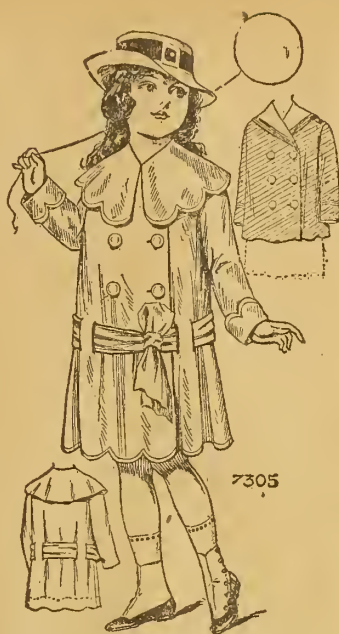
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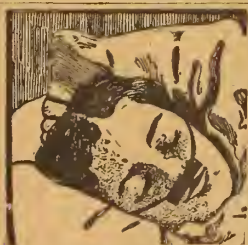
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Set your toil to a tune as sweet as the June,
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Aye, sing while the lads, fair lassies,
Set tunes to the furrows and sing as they hoe,
Songs lie asleep in the grasses!
For the heart that sings
Hours fly on swift wings
Of mystical rune and rhythm,
And carry the tunes
Of a year of Junes,
And the heart of the toiler with 'em.

GRAPE CATCHUP.

A meat sauce which is relished very much at my house is made as follows: Remove five pounds of grapes from the stems, wash them, then put them into a stone jar, and mash them with a potato masher. Set the jar into a kettle of cold water so the water will come up as high on the outside of the jar as the grapes do on the inside. Cover the jar, and let the grapes cook until they are soft. Rub them through a fine sieve, put the pulp into a preserving kettle, and add three pounds of sugar, one tablespoonful of ground cinnamon and one teaspoonful each of salt and ground mace and cloves. Boil this slowly twenty minutes, stirring it frequently to prevent it from settling to the bottom of the kettle; then add one-half pint of vinegar, let it boil up again, and seal it in pint jars or bottles. Of all cultivated grapes I like the Norton's Virginia best for catchup, but it is very nice made of the Concord or Catawbas.

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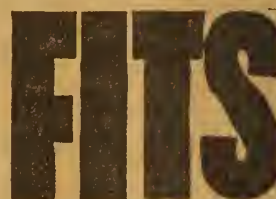
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Filling No. 2

One cupful of minced cold ham or chopped bacon, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, one tablespoonful of chopped onion, one cupful of toasted bread crumbs or cooked rice, one-eighth teaspoonful of pepper, one cupful of tomatoes cut into cubes, salt to taste.

Other cold meats may be ground, seasoned, and mixed with an equal quantity of bread crumbs or cooked rice moistened with a slightly beaten egg, cream, or tomato, and substituted for either of the fillings.

Take six whole medium-sized fresh green peppers or canned whole pimientos. If fresh peppers are used, slice a round off the top, remove the seeds, and save the top to replace. Soak in cold salt water (two tablespoonfuls of salt to one quart of water) for half an hour; rinse in clear, cold water. Drain, press in the filling, and replace the top, and fasten it in place with wooden toothpicks. Put the stuffed peppers in a baking pan, pouring around them enough water to cover the bottom of the pan one-half inch. Bake in a medium hot oven for twenty to thirty minutes. When canned pimientos are used, remove from cans, discard liquor, and allow the pimientos to stand in a bowl for about fifteen minutes to acerate before using, thus giving them a better flavor. Stuff as for green peppers and bake for ten or fifteen minutes.

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The Mysterious Murder of the Miser

(Continued from page 4)

a fleet of fishermen, there a passing steamer. On the port hand the sails of in and out-bound ships cut sharply against the golden rim of the horizon, while all the time flapping reef points beat time against the distended mainsail to the steady music of the onrushing wind and surging sea.

In the cabin, Mrs. Keyner, now in the agonies of seasickness, was bitterly regretting the length to which her devotion to her brother's interests had led her. Devotion not altogether disinterested, however. For a long time, in secret to all but his sister, Robert Grenfil had literally worshipped a certain portion of the ground trodden by Miss Morier's feet—meaning the broad acres and real estate generally left her by Captain Cyrus. Nor was he unmindful of Miss Morier's many personal attractions, by any means. And Mrs. Keyner was given to understand that when Miss Morier's pecuniary and personal attractions should become her brother's property, a home and a handsome income were assured for life.

Miss Morier tolerated Mr. Grenfil for the reason that her father had been on friendly terms with him. He was a good talker, and had the manners of a gentleman; had traveled extensively, and spoke of what he had seen interestingly. She was on outwardly friendly terms with the man who was quick to seize upon the slightest show of encouragement; yet in her secret heart she felt a strange shrinking from his bold glance and sensual mouth, half hidden by the silky, black beard of which he was so proud.

The day wore on to its beautiful close. Miss Morier attended to the wants of Mrs. Keyner, who from time to time faintly expressed a wish that her remains should not be buried in the deep, deep sea, but laid beside the dear departed in the family lot at Mt. Auburn.

Miss Morier's maid brought her meals into the little after-cabin. Captain Gerry and Mr. Grenfil took theirs in dignified silence in the forward one, waited upon by the colored steward. This was very unlike the cosy tete-a-tete with Miss Morier Mr. Grenfil had pictured in his own mind beforehand.

The full-orbed moon appeared as a dot of fire on the horizon edge. Slowly it uplifted from the sea, stopping a brief instant before leaving it to allow a distant ship sailing across its disk to be silhouetted as briefly against the glowing background.

All this Miss Morier was enjoying to the full, as she stood in the gangway, holding on by the weather rigging. Yet the enjoyment of outward surroundings was neutralized by a conflict of feeling within. What could she do or say regarding the unexpected appearance of the young man who seemed to fill the role of a sailor quite as well as the others in which she had seen him! This, then, was what his *au revoir* meant, showing his presence was no mere coincidence. This—

The notes of a violin, rather unskillfully played by some one forward, broke in upon her meditations. The tune itself, the "Arkansas Traveler," was hardly in harmony either with Miss Morier's thoughts or the nature of their sea surroundings.

"Andrew brought that ol' fiddle of his a'gin, outer compliment to you, like enough, Miss Morier," said Captain Gerry from the wheel.

"I should appreciate the compliment better if Andrew were a more skillful player," laughed Miss Morier. "Such a night as this, one ought to listen to real music."

The playing ceased with a sudden discord, as though the instrument had been snatched from the sailor's hands.

Miss Morier breathed a half sigh of relief, and turned her face to the sea. The moon, now well above the horizon, was throwing a great sheen of silver light across the waves. Hark! The bow is drawn gently across the strings by a practiced hand. And to the accompaniment of the clear notes of a splendid tenor voice uprose:

"In the light of the moon by the side of the water,

My seat on the sand, and her seat on my knees,

We watch the bright billows, do I and my daughter—

My sweet little daughter, Louise.

We wonder what city the pathway of glory—

That broadens away to the limitless west—

Leads up to. She minds her of some pretty story.

And says, 'To the city that mortals love best.'

Then I say, 'It must lead to the far-away city—

The beautiful city of Rest.'

"That's Jack," exclaimed Captain Gerry, with a mild chuckle. But the information was needless. With rapt face Miss Morier was looking forward—a tall, gracious figure in soft, clinging drapery of dark blue, bathed in the silver sheen.

"Jack is the darndest critter ever you heard tell of," again began Captain Gerry. "They say he can—"

"Oh, hush, please," Miss Morier interrupted, half impatiently. Again came that strong, pure voice, with a breathing of passion in its tone:

"In the light of the moon by the side of the water,

Stand thou in the shadow of whispering trees. And one loves my daughter, my beautiful daughter—

My womanly daughter, Louise.

She steps to the boat with a touch of his fingers,

And out on the diamonded pathway they move.

The shallop is lost in the distance, it lingers.

It waits, but I know that its coming will prove

That it went to the walls of that wonderful city—

The magical city of Love."

A dark figure that had been sitting in the shadow of the mainsail suddenly rose. It was Mr. Grenfil. There was a curious look on his face as he stepped to Miss Morier's side.

"How very sentimental for a common sailor," he sneered. "I wonder if we shall be favored with more of that sort of thing?"

"No," coldly returned Miss Morier, drawing a little further away; "I do not think we shall, now."

Perhaps the slight emphasis was accidental, but Mr. Grenfil seemed to think otherwise. He bit his lip.

"Who is this fiddling sailor, Captain Gerry?" he asked, turning to the ancient mariner.

"He's no more a sailor than you be, Mr. Grenfil," returned the captain; "mebbe not so much," he added with a significance not lost on its subject, who scowled, but made no response.

"His name, rightly," said Captain Gerry, involuntarily lowering his voice and addressing himself to Miss Morier, who had drawn nearer to the speaker, "is John Vandine, and he's a ne'ew of Caleb Vandine, of Barmouth."

"What! the old man they call miser Vandine?" asked Miss Morier.

"Same," was the brief response. "As I've heard the story," continued Captain Gerry, "young Vandine's folks were New York people, and with a heap of money. Caleb was then in partnerships with John's father. There was a smash. I don't rightly know the p'ticlers. Anyway, Caleb got out of it with a power of money that didn't belong to him, so it's said. John's father killed himself when he found how things was. The creditors made a clean sweep. Mrs. Vandine, she died, broken heart, they said. John was the only chile or child they had; ol' Caleb his only relashun. For the speech of people Caleb put him to school, but they say, though he was a splendid scholar, he wouldn't give his mind to it. He was all the time takin' up first one thing, then another, and the curious part of it was ev'ry thing come handy to him, from picter paintin' to shovin' a foreplane. Caleb pulled up from New York and came down to Barmouth to live in the old humstead—

—you 'member it, mebbe, Miss Morier—the ol' stone house with the brick wall round it, jest beyond where you board."

Miss Morier remembered it very well.

"I should advise Caleb Vandine to look out for his money, if he has any," remarked Mr. Grenfil. "Young men who go drifting about under a false name, and without any direct employment, are rather suspicious characters in my way of thinkin'."

Thus spoke Mr. Grenfil in a smooth tone which failed to hide its undercurrent of meaning.

"In your way of thinkin', mebbe, but not'n anybody's else that knows him," sharply returned Captain Gerry. "As for false names," continued the captain, giving the wheel a twirl, "he was always Jack Vandine; nobody thinks of callin' him John, any more than nowadays anybody'd call you 'Bob' Grenfil. There's names that fit folks and folks that fit names. The boys to school got'n the way of callin' him Jack-at-all-trades, and sometimes he speaks of himself that way, funnin' like."

The voice of Mrs. Keyner, calling beseechingly for "Robert" was heard at this juncture. Mr. Grenfil rather reluctantly entered the cabin. Miss Morier seemed to breathe freer, now that he was gone.

"How did you learn so much about this—this young man, Captain Gerry?" she asked, after a moment's pause.

"Why, bless you, Miss Morier," said the worthy man, "Jack made a voyage along of your father and me in the old ship, Fear-naught, when he wasn't more'n eighteen year old. Said he'd tried most ev'rythin' else, and wanted to find out what sea goin' was like. Captain Morier took a tremendous likin' to him, and after we lef' Shanghai for home, permoted him to secon' mate. Jack spoke free enough of himself, but never a word agin his Uncle Caleb. I heard of that down to Barmouth. When Jack come aboard in Boston, and told me who he was, I was all took aback. Ter-mendous handsome feller now, ain't he, Miss Morier?"

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"Probably he squanders it," coldly suggested Miss Morier, who did not believe anything of the kind.

"He must 'a' changed from what I knew him aboard the Fearnought, then, for a stidder, more savin' chap in the ports we was to I never see, and your pa used to say the same," was the response.

But suddenly remembering herself, Miss Morier rather abruptly terminated the conversation and turned away. Why should she show anything like interest in this waif and stray, who, as Mr. Grenfil said, had no settled occupation in life? And then the presumption he had shown in—in—doing as he had done.

"It places me in such an awkward position," she murmured. How "awkward," when Miss Morier alone knew of the young man's presumption, was best known to her inner being.

Full of these and many conflicting thoughts, Miss Morier withdrew to her stateroom. But unless she dreamed it, the manly tenor and the notes of the violin were again blended with the murmur of the wind and sea, and Miss Morier's last waking thoughts were somehow curiously entangled with the melody and words of "My Queen," which drifted far and aft.

Surely, the weather itself smiled upon Miss Morier's short cruise. Day after day a summer sky was above them, a summer sea beneath. True, there were "shifts" of wind, and once the yacht lay becalmed off Seguin for nearly twenty-four hours. But until the tall light-house on the island at the entrance of Barnmouth harbor was sighted, there was no time when even Mrs. Keyner could not walk the deck unassisted; that is, had she chosen to do so. But, alas, the sea and Mrs. Keyner did not affiliate! Her hours were spent in her berth, for the most part. Her dreams of skillfully bringing about a certain degree of intimacy between Miss Morier and her brother resolved themselves into the sad realities of continuous seasickness.

Mr. Grenfil found himself, thus unaided, comparatively helpless. It was hardly to be expected that Miss Morier's sense of propriety would permit of anything like familiar intercourse between the two without the presence of the third person, feminine gender. At least so he construed the somewhat distant and formal attitude of the lady in question.

It is almost needless to say that Miss Morier appeared superbly unconscious of Jack Vandine's presence on board, while he had never, by look or sign, attempted to bridge the social chasm between them, though sharply watched by Robert Grenfil, who relaxed his vigilance none the less for knowing who Jack Vandine really was.

How the young man had discovered a part of the secret of his own early life, Grenfil could not fathom. In reality it was simple enough. One of Jack Vandine's shipmates in the Fearnought had been bos'un of the brig commanded by Bob Grenfil, and had spoken of it freely in the fore-castle. Knowing Grenfil by reputation, Jack had fitted the past and present bits of life together in his reply.

"It's a long lane without a turn. I'll come up with you yet, my fine fellow," was Grenfil's inward thought regarding the young man. And to do him strict justice, Robert Grenfil never forgot an insult, fancied or otherwise.

But the "fine fellow," carelessly indifferent to Grenfil's dark looks, pursued the even tenor of his maritime way until Barnmouth harbor was in view. The wind came off shore in a summer squall against the incoming tide, producing what Captain Gerry termed a "dirty, short chop sea."

Jack started aft to relieve the wheel. Miss Morier came out of the forward cabin at the same moment. A sudden lurch of the yacht caused her to lose her balance, and Jack Vandine sprang forward just in time to catch her in his arms. For one brief ("blissful," Jack afterward said) moment her breath was on his cheek. He fancied he felt her heart beating against his own. But only a moment.

"I have to beg your pardon—a second time," he said, respectfully, as Miss Morier, with flaming cheeks, released herself and caught hold of the weather rail.

"It is—nothing," she returned, in a low tone. Miss Morier knew that she ought to thank her rescuer for saving her from an undignified fall in the lee scuppers. Yet she could only re-echo what she had said when he begged her pardon before.

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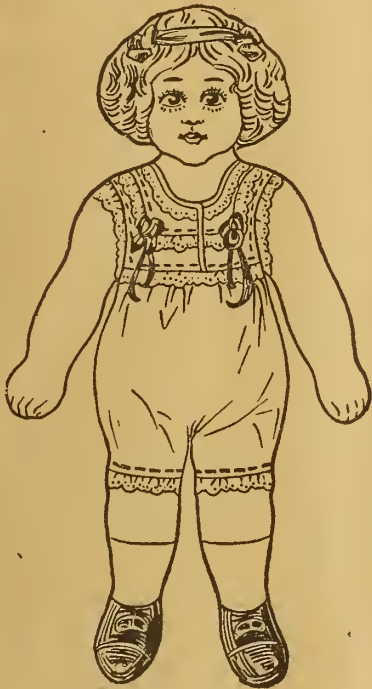
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Bewildered and amazed, and hardly knowing what I did, I obeyed him, and heard him turn the key behind me. I had no sooner passed into the kitchen than the truth of the purpose of the old man flashed upon me. The box, as I fancied, contained his "savings," which I now believed to be thousands of dollars in bonds or greenbacks. Why had I left him! How was I to meet his young kinsmen, who were exploring the long-neglected rooms!

I gasped to one of the young men, "Say, the old man has got up!"

"Crackly!" said he, using a provincial word. "And what for? Let me go and see!"

He tried the sick-room door, but it was locked. "Why did you leave him alone?" he asked. "It may be his dying delirium! Who can say what he may do! He may inflict some injury on himself!"

He summoned his four kinsmen, with many calls. They heard his story, and were struck with a kind of superstitious fear.

Then they heard the dog howling pitifully within the room. They tried the door, and one of them said, "Uncle Halliday?" There was no answer. "Uncle Halliday, what has happened?" Still no response.

We lingered long by the door, consulting. The ice-bound elm creaked, the dog pawed the door.

Chapter VI.

"Let us go outside of the house and look through the window," said one.

The garden of the peonies, sage and wild grape vines lay covered with snow, but we followed the suggestion.

An unaccountable sight met our eyes! The old man, in red night robe, stood there in the middle of the room with lifted hands, now and then wavering to and fro. Before him the mahogany box was burning in the red fire, and he was watching it with fixed eyes. I seem to see him now. The box had been some time burning and now flared up in a brown light.

"Dying! I am dying to the world now!" he said, deliriously punching the fire. The box sent up a steady stream of red light like a column. "Waiting—waiting my change in this world!" he said, in an unnatural voice.

Then the box broke open and some fragments of paper, all glued together at the top, whirled upward in the smoke in a draft into the flue. The burnt paper fluttered and spread apart like wings, then went out in the soot. Why did he seek to destroy the contents of the box?

"It is the last time!" he cried. "I am dying to this world forever! Here I go—here I go!" He lifted one foot, and then the other, like one in an ogre dance. The box sank into the coals in red ashes. "I am dead!" He staggered back to the bedside.

"Who knows but what he has been burning his greenbacks?" said one of the young men. "Coupons, it may be—who knows? He is out of his mind."

A fire stick fell into the ashes, broken by the blaze. A great column of smoke rose up and fell, like a mimic volcano.

"Ashes—ashes!" said he. "All is ashes in this world when a man stands empty-handed before God, as I do now! Tomorrow will be the day after death! I will know then who my true friends are!"

"We must force the door," said one of the company.

We rushed back to the kitchen, and we found it easy to break the rotten panel about the lock. We entered the room, and found the old man lying on the bed as before. The flush on his face was going out, but he gazed on us in an uncertain way. Then his mind cleared.

"I am dead to the world now!" he said. "Go and tell my neighbors that I have not a dollar in the world save the worthless roof over my head. All my yesterdays are past. If I have any friends with human hearts that belong to the better life, tell them to come to me, for I have nothing to give them in this world—not a dollar! Our only true friends are those who come to us when we have nothing to give!" He started up as before, with the same wild look, glaring on his kinsmen. "And you belong to the lower world where they exchange gifts! I have gone from you already—go!" He was becoming delirious again; his eyes shone with a withering light. "Go, go! Would it do you good to have my savings? You have laughed in the dying face of a poor old man who never did you harm! Go, go, never to return again to this old roof unless you come with better hearts! Go out into the world of heartlessness and selfishness, and never speak my name again! Go, go, go with the uncovenanted race—go! My yesterdays are gone forever! Tomorrow will remain forever! Go!"

He fell back. He lay still. His eyes closed. His lips were compressed.

I said, "He is dead!" The sleigh bells jingled away at midnight as if frightened.

Chapter VII.

But he was not dead. An hour passed. "I have had a delirium," he said. "A horrid dream. Call the doctor."

I went out for the doctor, who hastily returned without wig or snuff box. The old man told him a dreadful dream he had had about burning bills, and pointed to the dying fire, then sank into sleep.

"It was not a dream," I said to the doctor.

The doctor looked up the chimney. He rested his hand on the head of the fire dog and reached up into the flue. There was much soot there, and he drew out of it some half-burned papers that seemed to be held together at the end. He turned to me and said, "I will take care of these; they may be recovered," and then went away.

"Recovered?" I wondered what the ending of this strange situation would be.

It was very still after he went. The house seemed like a lodge between the visible and invisible world, between the shadows of the yesterdays and the light of the long tomorrow. The clock struck two, three, four and five.

Then the old man revived again. "Where have I been?"

"You have been delirious, and have destroyed the mahogany box."

"How? You don't say that!"

"Yes; I could not prevent it."

"That bewilders me. Hold! Then I can have a pandowdy—I am poor now!"

I dropped my eyes to the floor again. What was it in the old home dish that so held his heart? How he was longing for something human. But an apple pie of old traditions, what was there human in that?

As I reflected he said, "Dead, dead, dead! Here I am dead! The world has gone by like a stage coach; my hands are withered and empty. One word has gone out that I want a pandowdy, and another that I am dead. I wonder how it seems to the spirit of a dead man on the day after death! I will go back to my bed and draw the curtains, and listen to those that come to make a pandowdy, thinking I am alive, and to those who come to prepare my body for the grave, thinking I am dead!"

He sank upon the bed, drew the bed curtain, or valance, but in such a way that he could see out of the window.

And so the living dead man waited to see how the world would seem to him on the day after death. Was it a good world? Was it a bad world? Must one die to know?

Chapter VIII.

Tomorrow! The sun rose over a broad snowscape of bending pines which scintillated with crystals. The frozen dreariness turned into a sunlight of life, and the icy weirs glistened in the wide hollows among the hills.

The old man woke again, and his mind was clear. He wondered if it were all a dream. He arose, tottered toward the fire, and looked into the cupboard over the shelf for the mahogany box. The box was gone. He lifted his hands and stood as one bewildered, his hand and his forefinger in an interrogation point in the air. "Heaven forgive me if I have done wrong!"

he said. "I have not long to stay here, but that money might have made some poor soul happy. No one should have need of anything in this plenty-stored world; but people suffer amid plenty, and the church bells ring out in vain. This may be my last year here. Few people ever thought of me on such days when I had little laid by. I wish I could break a pandowdy once more with those who are gone!"

Still a pandowdy—the old family pie that used to be eaten when all hearts were as one.

Some pigeons flew down at the window. "I will let the birds in," he said; "but I have little left to give them. It is good for them to come in and share with me my last food. I will breakfast with the birds."

The report that the old man had destroyed his bank notes and was dead spread that morning through a part of the country village. But the chore boy had carried his message to some of his old neighbors that he wanted the neighborhood pie once more.

Uncle Halliday looked out on the snowscape. The top of the hill gleamed before him, and the form of a decrepit negro woman in a "camlet" shawl rose over the ridge and came plodding down to the cottage.

"What can she be coming for?" he asked, pressing his thin face against the pane where the frost was melting. "To be revenged on me?" he added. He laid down as dead behind the curtain.

The old woman did not knock at the door; she came in panting. She had a basket on her arm.

"I heard that Uncle Halliday had lost all," said she to me. "I'm proper sorry fo' him, down in de deep place in my ole heart."

The old man parted the valance.

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"What, Cloe?"

"Somethin' to gib you. I 'member long ago."

"Oh, Cloe, Cloe, I never gave you anything, or any one, in the hope of a reward!"

"I am not lookin' fo' any rew'd," said the old woman.

"No reward here?"

"No; 'pon my soul, Massa."

"Nor hereafter?"

"No; de only rew'd dat I hope fo' is what will come to my own soul, an' I hab giben dat to God—I hope it will be a pearl. I was yo' enemy, but you was my friend befo', an' when I heerd dat you had lost all my heart changed to de ole heart. I'm proper sorry. You need me, an' I pity you. When I heerd dat you wanted de ole home pie, I come down yere cos I pity you, an' I ken make a pandowdy—none like mine, but, bless yo' soul, I haven't all de fixin's, I'm too poo'; maybe I will have 'em some day. If so, I'll 'member you an' bring you some on my spatter dish."

"Cloe, you belong to the other kingdom, that of the human side. We meet on that other side today. I am glad that you have come. Stay here, and don't tell any one whether I am living or dead. The human heart is better than I thought it was. Land of goshen! Look a-yonder. Who is that coming now?"

He was looking up the hill again. The sunlight fell through the open curtains. The crows were cawing as if laughing in the blue air that arched the highway. Three little children seemed drifting down the beaten path in the middle of the road. They came to the door, and were admitted. They were the children of his enemy Job, the electman, who could not induce him to vote his will. Uncle Halliday dropped the valance again.

"Father has heard," said one of the children to me, "that Uncle Halliday wants an old-time dinner, and he said that if he were to come himself he might not like to see him, so he sent us to you with a little money for him."

Uncle Halliday's head appeared, and one of the children asked, "Have you lost anything, Uncle Halliday?"

"Yes, I have lost the earth; but I could get along without it if I had friends like your father. I am glad that you came to see me on this lovely day. Your father misunderstood me; he sees me as I would be now. Here, give the purse to Cloe. She can make a pandowdy. How beautiful it is to be on the other side of life! There is no day like that after death. Men see us all then."

He looked up the hill again, and said, "Israel in Egypt! What do I see?" He gasped, "It is—it is—how she used to berate me in the yesterdays!"

A cart appeared there, with an old woman driving; a poultry wagon. It was the poultry woman who had turned her head from him when they passed by. Suddenly the crate tipped out of the back of the rude cart as it lumbered over the ridge. There flew out of the crate a goose, a turkey and a guinea hen. The old woman got out, and in trying to catch the goose she lost the guinea hen, and in attempting to secure the turkey the guinea hen flew into the cedars, squawking, "Go back!" She was too decrepit to follow them.

"I wish I were able to go out and help her," said he. "She cannot be coming to see me."

The old poultrywoman, forlorn and empty-crated, came to the cottage, her goose, her turkey and her guinea hen gone.

"I heard that you wanted a real old-time dish," said she to Uncle Halliday, whose head was out of the valance. "I used to be your enemy, but I am not so now. I do pity you. I started to bring you some of my birds because I heard that you were in need. 'Need,' the chere boy said that. That went right to the quick of my heart in the sacred spot when I heard that you were in need. But see, I have lost the birds, and am too old to catch 'em. I have brought you only a handful of live feathers, but I thought I must come and tell you that I am your friend now, and will always be, now that you have lost all."

"I am sorry that the birds have lost their feathers," said the old man. "But I am glad that you have come."

Next came those who had been told that Uncle Halliday was already dead.

Sleigh bells. He peeped from the window. It was his five undutiful young relatives who were now at the door.

"They are coming to prepare for the funeral, I suppose," said he. "Go into the next room, if he continued to those present. 'Don't one of you mention that I am living. I wonder what they will have to say now that they think I am gone for good!'"

The five came in, glanced at the closed valance, and the silent people, and sat down by the kitchen fire in hearing of Uncle Halliday.

"I pity the old man now," said the tall nephew. "There is little I would not have done for him had he been poor. It was our fault that caused the delirium. Oh, but he was a good man; he had to save to keep him from

being a burden. We are all so sorry that we did not use him well. We are all going to do every thing we can to make for him a good funeral—a preacher from the city, a choir, flowers and all. He was a good man."

"He was a good man," said all five. "And as he died almost penniless it is a right noble funeral he shall have to commemorate his virtues. Oh, Uncle Halliday, Uncle Halliday! We only care for him now for what was in his heart!" said the eldest niece.

They all praised Uncle Halliday. They recalled all the virtues of his long life, which would have filled a catalogue of perfection.

Uncle Halliday listened until he could endure to be dead no longer. He rose up and parted the valance and came sweeping into the room where his young relatives were.

"This is such a good world at heart," said he, "that I can't bear to stay on the other side any longer. I've come back!"

The five relatives leaped to their feet with handclasps of consternation. Then they stood as speechless and white as statues.

"I ain't dead—no, no, thank heaven, thank heaven, but I have lived to enjoy the day after death! Do I hear my cars? This is a good world; ah, yes, too good for such as I, who have so misunderstood it all! I wish I had my bonds and coupons now! Do you want to know what I would do? I would make a will in behalf of my own."

"Your bonds can be recovered, Uncle Halliday," said the doctor. "I have the stubs."

"Recovered—what do I hear? Then, Cloe, you make the pandowdy."

Cloe made the old family pie. They ate it after the manner of colonial hospitality.

"And now, Uncle," said the eldest nephew, you will go home with us and live with us; you have seen our hearts and we have seen yours."

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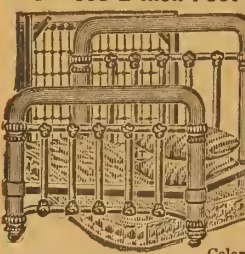
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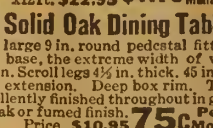
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With Our Readers

By JOHN C. WILLIAMS

The Growth of Woman's Suffrage

One of the notable features of our political life at this time is the rapid growth of woman's suffrage.

Eleven states have given women suffrage rights equal with men. One state, Illinois, has given women partial suffrage—that is, women may vote for President and for all state and county officials not designated as constitutional officers; they may vote for all city and town officials, and they have the right to vote upon all questions submitted to the people, such as bond issues for specific purposes and local option.

Within the past twelve months the question has been presented in many states either as a constitutional amendment, voted upon at the polls, or as joint resolutions before state legislatures submitting the question to a vote of the people. North and South Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska and Ohio defeated the proposition at the polls, while Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Alabama, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Maine, Maryland and Delaware refused through their legislatures to submit the question to a vote of the people.

West Virginia will vote next year upon the question. Iowa will vote upon suffrage in June, 1916, and Tennessee will vote upon suffrage should the ensuing legislature concur in the resolution passed by the last assembly.

Amendments to the constitution, giving women equal suffrage rights, are to be voted upon in four Eastern states within the next few weeks. These states are New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Practically every state in the Union is now thoroughly organized for the advancement of the suffrage movement, and the best evidence that these organizations are effective is that the suffrage issue has been forced into legislative halls of so many states.

So strong and wide-spread has this movement become that the ultimate success of woman's suffrage is freely admitted even by those who are opposed to it.

Should the voters of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts give a majority for the pending constitutional amendments, in the ensuing elections, such an impetus would be given the suffrage movement that by 1920 practically every Northern, Eastern and Western state will have become equal suffrage states.

But should equal suffrage be defeated in these four states, the result will by no means indicate disaster—it will merely operate to delay the inevitable.

A higher and better civic life is involved in this suffrage movement; more than this—the destiny of the race is involved. And one reason why it cannot fail is that it is universal—the movement is not confined to the United States; it is finding expression in every civilized country. Universal womanhood has awakened to the world's needs of her, not only in the home, but in the council halls of state.

There are but two forces which offer anything like serious opposition to woman suffrage. One is the ultra-conservatism of men who still hold to the Oriental view of women, and the other is commercialized vice operating under patronage of the political boss or chartered by law.

And anomalous as it may seem, it is the character and strength of this opposition which gives the strongest assurance of the ultimate success of the woman suffrage movement.

The better class of men and women in all countries have their faces turned toward better things in social life.

Government is the agency through which these hopes may be realized. Political action affects governmental policy. The ballot is the only instrument that may be employed in order that society may register its will.

Women as well as men must have a voice, else the moral sense of but half the citizenship will be taken into account.

There are many things which local government fails to do, that women believe should be done; men are too often blind to the real object of government.

Local government is intimately connected with the home. Many times conditions are tolerated in a town or city which are positively dangerous to the home, and the demand for the ballot exists among women chiefly for the reason that they desire to use their political right in order to create the proper kind of environment in the community where they live.

The responsibility of women is equal to, if not greater than, men in the real things of life—she not only brings forth children, but upon her devolves the duty of nurturing their life. If she is expected to do this in the home, why should she be denied the right to have something to say of the environment of her home?

Why should men be permitted to maintain snares and pitfalls under the sanction of law, which threaten to destroy that which she has with such infinite labor and sacrifice striven to develop and conserve?

While it is emphasized that the chief sphere of women is in the home, yet it is true that the town, the community, the state, is in a larger way her home.

Men everywhere are recognizing the truth that the state needs the moral and political support of women in the solution of the complex problems of government.

As the mother of the race, woman has a sacred right to be considered in every social and political relation.

Government in its last and final analysis is a question of morals.

This being true, then it must follow that the larger the moral element in any community having the power of political expression, the better must government be.

It is upon this theory that the woman suffrage movement is predicated.

It is not only sound in theory, but it meets with the support of practically every moral agency in America. The labor unions, the church organizations of practically every creed, the temperance societies, the Federated Woman's Clubs, and civic organizations without number, are all rallying to the support of the equal suffrage cause.

It does not require prophetic power to forecast the result of this tremendous movement for electoral reform.

Any cause which has behind it the solid support of the moral forces of the United States is bound to win.

The Demand for Alcoholic Beverages

A popular claim set forth by those interested in the liquor traffic is that the demand for liquor always precedes the manufacture of it, and that brewers and distillers are merely trying in a business way to meet this demand.

This claim appears plausible enough at first glance, but upon close examination it proves to be fallacious, as most of the arguments of liquor advocates do when put to the test.

In considering this claim it is important to note the fact that the demand for liquor is not natural. It is to a large extent artificial.

No business in the world resorts to such means to

encourage consumption of its product as the liquor business.

That this is true is apparent to every observing person.

Not only do the brewers and distillers employ all of the advertising methods of legitimate business, but they go farther and enlist the aid of politicians and political machines to boost their business.

We have never heard of a manufacturer of shirts conspiring to control the administration of an American city in order to increase the sale of his particular brand of shirts; but we are all familiar with the attempts of brewers and distillers to do these things.

And these methods are most effective because political control carries permission to violate legal restrictions placed upon the liquor traffic. These restrictions operate to discourage and check the sales of liquor.

Political control of police authorities, of courts, excise commissioners and legislative bodies, tend not only to keep open all existing avenues for the easy flow of liquor to consumers, but oftentimes this control results in the creation of new and illegal means for disposition of liquor, such as the establishment of road houses and shady hotels, also houses of prostitution.

Political force is thus employed to supplement the conventional methods of business.

As the liquor industry has enlarged and increased its product, it has found a way to dispose of its product, and the employment of political influence is by no means the least important of the agencies utilized to that end.

This same political force which the liquor interests have learned so well to employ is also used to obtain immunity from fraudulent advertising.

The manufacturers of food products, chemicals and patent medicines are restricted in a rigid way from misrepresentation, but not so with the brewer and distiller.

The brewer may advertise his beer as "good for nursing mothers" and "good for debilitated women," which are atrocious falsehoods—and he may employ either the mails or the newspapers to present these claims to the

people without fear of prosecution. No other business is permitted to do these things.

Alcohol is a narcotic drug, and whether it exists in its crudest form or in such products as whisky, wine or beer, the alcoholic element is unchanged and it is still a narcotic drug.

For the first time the new United States Pharmacopeia will not catalogue alcohol as a medicine, but as a narcotic drug.

Narcotics surely cannot be regarded as "good for nursing mothers," yet the government permits the manufacturers of beer to make this false claim without any interference whatever.

So here is a special and extraordinary privilege turned to account by the liquor interests in order to increase their business.

One is therefore forced to the conclusion that the increased consumption of liquor is due largely to the extraordinary activity on the part of the manufacturer and the employment of political power to stimulate demand, and it seems to be altogether probable that if let alone, men would not clamor for alcohol.

The desire for alcohol is not a normal appetite—it is purely artificial, and it is created either by suggestion or actual contact with the drug, much the same as morphine, opium, heroin or any other narcotic habit.

Whenever prohibition of the liquor traffic has been honestly undertaken there has followed a decreased consumption of alcoholic beverages, diminishing as time has elapsed and in proportion to the honesty with which the law is enforced.

A test of the liquor advocates' claim that demand is responsible for the existence of the business can be properly made only when the government bars liquor and all advertising matter pertaining thereto, from the mails—when the saloon is closed and liquor is made more difficult of access; when the liquor business is divorced from politics and is compelled to stand alone upon its merits.

Until this test is made, we have a right to dispute the statement that it is the booze drinker and not the booze maker who is responsible for the liquor traffic.

"The Songs of Our Nation"

By DOLORES HAUCK

"Let me make the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws."

At the present time, when all true American hearts are stirred with patriotism, a little knowledge as to the origin of our national songs may not come amiss.

"Yankee Doodle" is perhaps our oldest national song, but its origin is so doubtful that very little can be said about it. As some one has remarked, it probably "composed itself," as the Germans are in the habit of saying about their "folk-songs." The air is said to have been taken from an old English nursery ditty. Suffice it to say, however, that the martial strains of "Yankee Doodle" are so associated with the deeds of American valor that they always awaken an echo in the hearts of all loyal American citizens.

About a century ago one of our patriotic songs was written by a young lawyer named John Hopkinson. He was born in Philadelphia in 1778, becoming quite a noted lawyer. He died in that city in 1842.

A young actor by the name of Fox was to have a "benefit," but war with France at that time seeming inevitable, the people did not appear to be very much interested in anything else, so the results of the performance were not promising. Fox was in despair, but, happily, a bright idea occurred to him, and hastening to his friend Mr. Hopkinson, he asked him to write some patriotic verses to the tune of the "President's March." His request was complied with, and after having advertised the matter Mr. Fox sang "Hail Columbia" to a very enthusiastic audience on the night of the "benefit."

Francis Scott Key was the author of the next song of our nation which is a universal favorite. It is hardly necessary to relate again the circumstances which brought "The Star-spangled Banner."

Mr. Key, like the author of "Hail Columbia," was also a lawyer. He was born in Frederick County, Maryland,

in 1789. He practiced law in Frederick for some time, but finally became district attorney for the District of Columbia. It was while effecting an exchange of prisoners during the War of 1812 that Key wrote the song that has made his name famous. Being detained on the British vessel "Surprise," he witnessed the bombardment of Fort Mchenry, and every lover of the flag can well imagine his feelings when, after a night of anxiety, he saw the banner of American freedom still floating aloft. It was then, on the back of a letter which he had with him, that he scribbled the words of "The Star-spangled Banner":

"What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream?
'Tis the Star-spangled Banner, oh, long may it wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee," was written by Samuel Francis Smith. He was born in Boston in 1808. Some years after being graduated from Harvard University he was ordained to the Baptist ministry. He wrote a great many hymns, and this song, which is somewhat similar to a hymn in style, was first sung at a church celebration.

Dr. George Frederick Root was born in Massachusetts, and it is to him we owe the popular songs, "Just Before the Battle, Mother," "Battle Cry of Freedom" and "Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching."

Now among all these names of famous men comes the name of a woman, to whom we are indebted for the beautiful "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Julia Ward Howe was born in New York City on May 27, 1819. The above-mentioned hymn, together with "John Brown" and other patriotic ballads, has made her name famous throughout the land.

The Stuart Forgery And Its Tragic Finish

By HAROLD ENSIGN

THE main deck of the Moldavia was a moving mass of excited humanity when I crossed the gangway twenty minutes before the hour advertised for her sailing, and I told myself discontentedly that it was impossible in such a crowd of passengers that I should escape meeting one or two acquaintances, who, informal and ubiquitous as acquaintances always are at sea, would much interfere with the repose which an ocean voyage gives to those with whose temperament it agrees—a repose which I greatly needed after the fatigue and excitement of the business crisis through which I had just passed. With the unchristian hope that all I might know on board would be persistently sea-sick, as my only chance of escaping their society, I was about to go below, when, at the entrance of the ladies' deck cabin, I saw a group which realized my fears in a most embarrassing manner, though it was a group which attracted looks of admiration and interest even in that self-absorbed crowd. A pretty, girlish-looking woman, exquisitely dressed, watching with evident amusement the scene of confusion around her, and at her side an elderly darky holding a baby, whose winsome little face drew as many glances from the women as her mother's beauty did from the men.

"Mrs. Joscelyn!" I exclaimed.
For an instant, as she recognized me, she looked as disagreeably surprised as I felt, and then she put out her hand with the sweet, childish laugh which had always been one of her most charming characteristics, but which I had never thought to hear from her lips again.

"Mr. Eustace! How very delightful! Just as I was wondering what would become of us in this dreadful crowd. You will help us a little, I am sure? My husband always says that you are so kind!"

"Anything I can do," I stammered, uncomfortably conscious that my countenance was more eloquent than my tongue, and that pity and reluctance were struggling there very visibly.

"We shall not hore you too much," she said, gayly. "Our cabin has been engaged for weeks, but I cannot find any one in this confusion to show it to me; so if you would kindly inquire—"

"I will see the chief steward at once, and return to tell you where it is," I exclaimed, eagerly, for the commission forced me to leave her, and I needed to get away from those pretty, puzzling, blue eyes to recover the composure which her sudden appearance and unexpected manner had very much upset. "Good heavens! what a woman!" I said to myself as I hurried away. "Has she no heart, that she can speak of her husband with a laugh?—her husband, who was madly fond of her in spite of his faults, and to whom she always seemed devoted."

Then memory brought back vividly for an instant Tom Joscelyn and his wife as I had seen them only a few months since at a fancy ball as Undine and her knight, and I remembered that, in the midst of the admiration their beauty excited, I had heard one or two whisper that the character suited her only too well—pretty, silly little girl!—and that if ever the day came when Joscelyn should need help and comfort from his wife, he would find her an Undine indeed, as soulless as she was bewitching. Alas, poor Undine! The catastrophe which befell her six weeks later has grown a not uncommon one nowadays, and nobody is as shocked to discover that his neighbor is a rascal as he would have been fifty years ago; but so deep had been the impression that Joscelyn, though reckless, was perfectly honorable, that the shrewdest men in his circle still asked themselves if it were possible that he had become a forger and defaulter—a question whose perplexity was particularly profound to me, who had known him at college, though we had seen little of each other since.

Educated by his father to gratify every wish in the present, and to believe his future an assured one, Tom Joscelyn on leaving college had lost both father and fortune in one of those financial crashes which periodically upset society with us. But the other Joscelyn's failure had been one of that rare kind which only ruined himself, and his sudden death had so roused public sympathy that every one wished Tom well in his efforts to rebuild a fortune. He chose the hazardous career of a stock-broker, and for several years seemed fairly to have inherited the touch of Midas, for everything he took up turned to gold in his

grasp. His extravagance was, however, equal to his success, and wise heads were shaken while solemn warnings were uttered over his race-horses, his coaching parties, his yacht, and all the other methods of getting rid of money, in which he was a shining example among the gilded youth of New York. But his popularity was naturally not diminished thereby, and when his engagement was announced, to Sibyl Stuart, the niece and heiress of one of the wealthiest and steadiest merchants in the city, there was a general feeling of satisfaction among his circle at the prospect that marriage would put an end to his crop of wild oats, and that with the clear head and strong hand of old James Stuart to influence his future, Joscelyn would settle into sober and respectable prosperity.

But fortune had apparently tired of casting her favors in Tom's way. Mr. Stuart absolutely refused to consent to his niece's marriage with a man whom he called a gambler and a spendthrift, and when Sibyl, taking her fate in her own girlish hands, ran away and married her lover, the old man declared that she had ceased to exist for him, but that if the future ever presented him with a chance of punishing the man who he considered had ruined her life, he should not hesitate to grasp it—a declaration at which Mrs. Joscelyn laughed lightly, with her usual childish frank-

I approached. "Do look at that poor girl's nose; she was quite pretty until she began to cry, and now it is so red that she is positively a fright."

"The best plan is to get over one's emotions in private," I suggested.

"I know a better plan yet, and that is to have no emotions at all. Now, Sally, we must follow Mr. Eustace closely, for he has discovered where we are to bestow ourselves."

Having guided them to their cabin, I was escaping with a sigh of relief, when she ran lightly after me.

"Would you mind very much finding where my place is at table, and if possible arranging to sit next me? You see it is so awkward for me to be alone, and I cannot have baby to chaperon me at dinner."

With an inward groan—I am afraid it was something more forcible—yet realizing that I could not decently refuse any courtesy that an old acquaintance in her painful circumstances might ask of me, I again sought the steward, and did what she wished.

Dinner was over at last—a long, hot, noisy affair, which my duty as chaperon necessitated my sitting out to the bitter end, without even the hope that I might escape its everyday repetition, for Mrs. Joscelyn declared herself to be a capital sailor, and her admirers were unanimous in ascribing the same characteristic to themselves.

When we left the table she suggested that I should take her for a walk on deck—a suggestion with which I complied as cheerfully as I could, and was rewarded by a request to smoke.

"There is nothing I like better than the neighborhood of a good cigar," she declared, confidentially, as she took my offered arm. "It reminds me of Tom, you know."

Then, while I was wondering what I could possibly reply, she began to talk amusingly of our dinner-table acquaintances, and our promenade passed off pleasantly enough.

When she went below I took a few turns by myself, lost in conjectures about her and her possible plans in coming to Europe, until I realized with a shiver that the night was growing chilly, and turned my steps to the smoking-room.

A good deal of card-playing and smoking was going on; the former at a milder, the latter at a more vigorous rate on this first evening than when sea-sickness and a more intimate acquaintance should have exerted their influence. I found a vacant seat, which promised to be a quiet one, for my neighbors were the two silent members of our circle at dinner. But vain were my hopes of a meditative pipe, for the older man, apparently more inclined for a tete-a-tete than general conversation, began at once:

"The lady with you is the wife of that Joscelyn who forged for a large amount and ran away two or three months since," is she not?"

"She is," I replied, with as much repressive dignity as I possessed, but it was not sufficient.

"A very pretty woman," he continued, turning a keen gaze upon me from under a pair of shaggy eyebrows, "but astonishingly light-hearted for her circumstances."

"It is not my custom to discuss an old friend with a stranger," I interrupted coldly.

"Quite right. But the fact is I must confess to considerable curiosity about her, as I have heard that when the forgery was first discovered she tried to convince her uncle that she, and not her husband, was the guilty one."

"You heard a most infamous falsehood," I said, wrathfully, but feeling that I must prevent this old gossip from spreading such a story to the whole ship's company, and also convince my other neighbor, who, by the start he had given, was evidently listening, that what he had heard was untrue. "Now that I assure you that it is utter slander, I must ask you, as a gentleman, not to injure an estimable and unfortunate lady by repeating it."

"My dear sir, of course I will say no more. I only—"

"Good-evening," I said, freezingly, rising as I spoke. I made my way down stairs, raging inwardly against the combination of circumstances which was forcing me, after a fashion I could not escape without positive cowardice, into the position of champion to a woman whom I neither thoroughly understood nor approved.

Two or three days passed with nothing remarkable in their course. The weather was all that could be expected even in June, so that the worst victims of sea-sickness were able to

THANKFULNESS

By Charles H. Meiers

Dear Lord, we are most thankful now to be
Blessed with the power to see along life's
way

The flowers of love that bloom as flowers of
May,
To make our paths from desolation free.

With all our hearts we offer thanks to thee
For happiness which fills our hearts today,
For all the music and the laughter gay,
And strength to bear our burdens cheerfully.

We who are powerless, save to do thy will,
Admit thy wisdom as each plays a role
Wherein we learn what proper actions are.

If we but do thy bidding here, we fill
A part wherein each meek and humble soul
In life's great cast may prove to be a star.

ness, announcing to all her friends her belief that she could find her way to his heart again, so soon as she could bring herself to forgive him the bitter things he had said of her husband.

Fortune, however, after her usual fashion, having once frowned, continued to do so, and Joscelyn's business ventures one after another came to naught, while he, apparently finding it impossible to believe in his lasting ill-luck, kept up all his former extravagance. The end came with appalling suddenness. Some comparatively small debt pressing him so close that further delay was impossible, he forged James Stuart's signature to a check for the necessary amount, and presented it himself for payment, while Mrs. Joscelyn sought her uncle, and confessing her husband's guilt, had appealed to his mercy, a quality which apparently did not exist, for he turned her out of his house, and took measures at once for Joscelyn's arrest for forgery. When he discovered that through some fortunate combination of circumstances Mrs. Joscelyn had been able to warn her husband in time to effect his escape, the old man's rage knew no bounds, and he vowed that he would spare neither money nor exertions until the scoundrel who had robbed him doubly, of his heiress and his money, should be lodged in prison.

With this story in my thoughts I pushed my way through the crowd to the stairs leading to the lower regions, still in the almost undisturbed possessions of stewards and stewardesses. With their assistance I quickly discovered Mrs. Joscelyn's cabin, and returned to fulfill my promise of escorting her to it. I found her still watching, with much interest, the partings, now in the last stage of tearful excitement, between those of the people about her who were to be our fellow passengers and their friends, who must go ashore when the last bell should ring presently.

"I am so glad that baby and I have nobody to whom to say good-by!" she cried gayly, as

keep about, while betting, flirtation, and other customary amusements of a prosperous ocean voyage flourished apace. Mrs. Joscelyn was decidedly the belle of the ship, as I had foreseen at the first dinner, and her appearance was invariably the signal for the assembly of a little court, which consisted nearly equally of ladies and gentlemen, her tact and pretty graciousness having been as successful with the former as her beauty and amusingness were with the latter, in overcoming the mingled curiosity and reprehension with which they were inclined to regard the strange contrast between her gloomy circumstances and her high spirits, when her identity became known, as it did on the second day of the voyage.

There was one person, however, on board more popular than Mrs. Joscelyn, and that person was Mrs. Joscelyn's baby—the very ideal of a baby, as good as she was pretty, and perfectly friendly to everybody, though with a pronounced preference for her masculine adorers. One of her greatest favorites, oddly enough it seemed, was a quiet Englishman, whom the ship's list announced to bear the name of West, and who, rare as his conversation was, had been heard to describe himself as an unsuccessful ranchman returning home from Montana. He was more given to baby's society than to that of any one else, for though he did not worship at her shrine as often as most of the men, he would stop her once or twice in her daily airing on deck, and take her from her nurse's arms with an apparent familiarity with baby ways which amused his fellow-passengers immensely, and seemed much to Miss Joscelyn's satisfaction, for she would chuckle away to him in her baby language, pulling his beard and patting his cheek with infinite zest.

After witnessing such an interview one afternoon, we stood around Mrs. Joscelyn's sea-chair, laughing at the baby's evident pleasure in her conquest of the most unsociable of all the ship's society.

"Baby is woman enough already to like a difficult victory best!" cried her mother, gayly, as she lay back among her wraps, looking the very picture of insouciant loveliness, whom it was difficult to associate with the idea of motherhood, and impossible, except for our knowledge, to connect with shame and anguish. "Sally, who is eminently discreet, does not approve of poor baby's decided taste for gentlemen's society; but I tell her that if she had ever seen Mr. Joscelyn with baby she would quite understand why it is that she is so at home with them. He always made such an absurd fuss about baby."

There was a dead silence. I had grown used to the appalling frankness with which Mrs. Joscelyn would occasionally allude to her husband, but this was the first time she had done so publicly; and the savoir-faire of her audience was by no means equal to the shock she had given it. I was meditating some trivial remark, when the constrained stillness was broken by a woman's shriek and a sudden movement among the people to the other side of the vessel. In my first glance I realized what had happened, for I saw Sally throwing her empty arms above her head in a paroxysm of terror, while half a dozen people with gestures and exclamation of dismay leaned over the side of the ship, close to which the nurse and child had been standing a moment since. But I had scarcely time to look when there was a low thrilling murmur beside me.

"My baby! My baby!" and Mrs. Joscelyn passed me, escaping from the hands which sought to restrain her as though she had been a spirit.

We rushed after her with a conviction (so we told each other later) that in another instant she would spring overboard after her child. But as she reached the gunwale she stopped as though she had been shot, and put both hands to her heart. The next second my arms were about her, and I held her fast; but there was no need. She made no effort to escape, and there was nothing like fainting in the firmly set lips and the wild, straining anxiety of the eyes which watched the waves, where, even at the distance at which the vessel had left them, we recognized the Englishman West with the child in his arms.

It was, happily, an afternoon when the sea was almost as calm as the serene, blue sky, and with what was really marvelous celerity, but after a delay that seemed to us eternal, the steamer was stopped and a boat was lowered and sent back to their rescue. During the long moments which followed, Mrs. Joscelyn neither spoke nor stirred, but watched the progress of the boat with a gaze in which every faculty seemed concentrated, and her intense silence had the effect of stilling the excitement of the crowd about her, so that very little was said until the boat was seen returning with West and the baby, which, terrible though the shock of such a plunge must have been to its little life, was evidently alive and moving. Then most of the women broke into hysterical tears, and such a cheer burst from the men as only Anglo-Saxon lungs can give.

Mrs. Joscelyn sank into the nearest chair,

and, still silent, turned her dry eyes and white face towards the sailors who were raising the boat, whence West presently sprang upon the deck and came swiftly toward her with the child in his arms. Good God! what a look there was on her face! the woman who I had thought could not feel. It was not her baby she looked at, but him, straight up in his eyes, as he laid the child upon her knees. Such a gaze as one soul may look at another with when the veil of flesh, with all that it disguises to us poor humanity, is rent away forever. Then a quiver passed over her face and she sank back insensible. As for him, he made one step forward, with arms outstretched, as if he must take up both her and her child in them, but my hand grasped his shoulder like a vise.

"For her sake!" I muttered in his ear, and led him, supported him rather, for he was trembling so that he could scarcely walk, to the cabin stairs.

So I got him away to my cabin, which was nearer than his, and there he sank down on my sea trunk, and flinging his arms across the berth, hid his face on them.

I closed the door and poured some brandy from my flask into a glass. "Drink this, old fellow," I said, in a voice which was not so steady as I could have wished. "Surely this is not the time to despair, but to thank God!" He did not move and only his gasping breath showed that he was conscious. "Be a man, Tom, for her sake! Think what courage she has to go through such a scene, and never utter a syllable to betray you!"

He took the brandy and swallowed it hurriedly.

"But you have found me out. Do you think no one else has done so?"

"No one else on board knew you as Tom Joscelyn, and no one could guess such a daring scheme as your crossing on the same steamer with your wife. Indeed, now that I look closely at you, and see that it is only in growing a beard, and staining your skin, and wearing glasses, that you have altered yourself, I think it is the impossibility of the whole plan, and your wife's wonderful acting of unconcern, which prevented me from recognizing you much more than your disguise."

"It was her plan. She said she could better bear any amount of daily pretence, while she knew that I was safe, than endure the suspense of not knowing for eight days what might have happened to me."

When Joscelyn left me I sought his wife, whom I found in the deck cabin, surrounded by a sympathetic circle of ladies. She looked very white, and kept a tenacious hold of her baby, but she was laughing lightly at Sally, who was mingling tears and promises of more care for the future, with vehement protestations that the accident had been no fault of hers.

"Deed an' 'deed, Mis' Joscelyn, honey, de chile jump right out of your hands, too, if she done take it in her purty head to want to."

"I hope Mr. West is not suffering for his great goodness," Mrs. Joscelyn said, interrupting Sally's sobs, as I entered. "I am going to rest in my cabin until after dinner, but then I shall hope to be able to thank him a little better than by fainting away in such a weak-minded fashion as I did just now."

Here a chorus of ladies declared with enthusiasm that she had not been weak-minded at all, but a perfect heroine, poor dear! whose courage had barely been surpassed by that noble Mr. West and that too, too anglic baby—a chorus from which Mrs. Joscelyn presently escaped by asking me to take her down-stairs. As I left her at her own door she managed to whisper, unheard by Sally, who was close at hand with the baby, "For pity's sake, let me see him alone this evening."

From her cabin I went to Joscelyn's, and having relieved his anxiety, I betook myself to a smoke on deck, and reflections on the strange drama in which I had involuntarily become involved. But I was not permitted to clear up the proportions of mingled compassion and blame in my own mind, for I was joined by the curious and complacent Thomas.

"One little knows what is going on under the surface of things, even immediately about us," was an alarming beginning, as he fixed his keen gaze on my agast countenance.

"What do you mean?" I asked, with as little anxiety as I could achieve.

"The discoveries of this afternoon, of course."

I braced myself for any amount of hard swearing as he paused, the proportions of my pity and blame suddenly settled, but he continued serenely.

"In spite of his apparent dullness, I suppose one must always give an Englishman credit for physical courage, so perhaps there was nothing surprising in Mr. West's conduct, but who would have expected such a display of feeling, such a passion of anguish, from that little Mrs. Joscelyn, whom we had such excellent reasons for believing the shallowest and most heartless of women?"

I was conscious of an almost dizzy emotion of relief, for even the steadiest nerves must have been upset by such an afternoon, but I

struggled to appear as if dignifiedly offended.

"I have already declined to discuss my friend Mrs. Joscelyn," I began.

"You are a very sensitive champion," he interrupted, with a peculiar smile; "but as you please," and he began to talk of other things.

Mrs. Joscelyn did not appear at dinner, and I was the object of a sort of ovation by proxy, which reduced me to a condition of hoarse imbecility by obliging me to repeat to nearly a hundred anxious inquiries, within the course of half an hour that the heroines of the day were both quite restored, and that Mrs. Joscelyn would come in to have some tea after dinner. Mrs. Joscelyn did not come in until most of the people had left the table, and then, though she was brightly gracious to the interest with which she was received, she finished her tea with much expedition, and rose from her seat at once, announcing that Mr. Eustace had promised to take her to find Mr. West.

We accordingly found him on deck, not far from the companion way. It was too dark for me to see either of their faces, even if I had wished to do so, but they clasped each other's hands wordlessly, and we walked along in silence until we reached the end of the deck beside the wheel-house, where there was no one but the man on duty, for the night was chilly, and the few passengers on deck were clustered around the funnels.

"If you will go behind the wheel-house you will be quite unseen and unheard, and I will patrol here to keep off intruders," I said, hurriedly.

Silently they disappeared as I suggested, and I began to pace to and fro across the deck. For a few minutes I did not hear a sound from them; then a low murmur of voices fell upon my ear, broken by suppressed sobs, which seemed to grow more difficult to subdue, until at last there was a passionate cry from Mrs. Joscelyn.

"It kills me to think it is my sin for which you suffer—mine—mine; but I meant no sin, Tom—only to help you—"

I turned quickly away, and stunned and bewildered by what I had heard, I almost ran into the arms of the ubiquitous Thomas.

"We seem to be the only people reasonable enough to prefer this fresh salt breeze to the stifling atmosphere inside," he said, steadying himself under my involuntary assault.

"Not quite," I said, cheerily. "Mrs. Joscelyn and Mr. West are behind the wheel-house, and I must join them again."

He walked briskly away, but I kept my eye on him until I saw him turn in by the light at the smoking-room door, and then I sought the Joscelyns. They had heard voices, and were standing in such an attitude as suited their supposed relations.

"I am afraid I must take you down-stairs, Mrs. Joscelyn," I said. "A certain very curious old gentleman is prowling about, and though I have got rid of him for the present, I dare say he will be back again."

She flung herself on Joscelyn's breast with a wild burst of sobs.

"Put your arms around me again, Tom! Hold me close just one moment more! I am so homesick for you every day—every hour."

"Hush, my own!" he murmured; "be my brave girl again."

I got as far from them as I dared, where she presently joined me, and without a word I took her down to her cabin.

Coming up once more, I met Joscelyn at the head of the stairs, and he led me away into the darkness.

"She—she quite broke down once or twice," he said, nervously. "Did you hear what she said?"

"I heard her say that she did it for you," I answered, grasping his hand, "and I understood it all. I always thought you a good fellow, Tom. I never could quite believe you anything else."

"You do not understand!" he muttered, with a passionate quiet which had more force in it than any loudness. "God of heaven! how can I make you understand how innocently she did it? The money she had been taught to look upon as hers, and for me—for me—as she would put her hand in the fire, or a knife in her heart, if in so doing she could help me!"

Then he told me the story. He had been in such pressing need of five thousand dollars that he had allowed his wife to go to her uncle and ask it of him. Mr. Stuart had refused absolutely to allow her a penny to help her husband with, telling her at the same time that it would all be hers some day, but that he should so tie it up that it should not be squandered. The next morning after Joscelyn, nearly desperate over the failure of this last resource, had gone down town, she forged her uncle's signature to a check for the necessary amount, and sent it to her husband's office in an envelope, addressed in her uncle's writing.

"With no more thought of serious guilt," murmured Joscelyn, vehemently, "than a child, who gets by some contrivance of its own what it has been refused, but what it is sure of being forgiven when it confesses."

As Mrs. Joscelyn had done at once; for she

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The Mysterious Murder of the Miser

By FRANK H. CONVERSE

This is the Second Installment of an Exciting Story of Land and Sea Adventures, Depicting Many Thrilling Situations, and in Which the Hero and Heroine Finally Overcome All Obstacles

LIKE to write about Barmouth, or Barmouth-by-the-sea, as the more romantic mention of it. It is one of the few, old-time seaboard villages which the advancing tide of progress has not swept. True, the ubiquitous tourist and the summer boarder have found it out of later years. But only those who care nothing for fashion and everything for nature come the second time to Barmouth.

Pine and hemlock-clad hills, almost reaching the dignity of mountains, rise behind it, an almost insurmountable barrier between Barmouth and the great world without. In winter, Barmouth lays semi-dormant, partially waking when the south wind brings the promise of coming summer in its balmy breath. Two or three irregular, elm-shaded streets, having no definite beginning or ending, run parallel with the harbor front. Those higher up on the slope are, for the most part, antiquated mansions of wood or stone, built from a century to a century and a half ago. Sandwiched among them, however, are a few prim, white houses, dignified with green blinds. These are tenanted by the well-to-do people of Barmouth; for the most part, retired ship-masters or ship-builders, in a time when the sails of our merchant marine dotted many seas.

Lower down are humbler dwellings of fisher folk and seafarers in general, for Barmouth literally draws her sustenance from the far-reaching ocean outspread before it. The harbor is one of the best on the New England coast. A chain of wooded islands raise themselves barrier-like between the harbor and the open sea beyond.

Rising and falling with the easy swell pulsing in from the ocean's heart throbs, lay coasting and fishing vessels, where once great ships launched from the now deserted yards. Day or night, in storm or calm, the voice of the waves beating against the eastern shore of the outlying islands is never absent; the very air is tremulous with it. In the outer bar an automatic buoy sends its hoarse note to blend with the bloom of the breakers.

To Miss Morier, the charm of Barmouth lay in its ocean environment, no less than the quietude of the quaint little village, which seemed to lay, with half-closed eyes, on the eastern slopes through the long summer days, lulled by the murmur of the beating sea. Yet in Barmouth, as in every small community, were certain elements which exist more openly and in larger measure in our great cities—sin and misery, passion, pride and avarice.

The most marked illustration of the last-named element was Caleb Vandine, or "miser Vandine," according to local nomenclature though rarely. Yet, unlike the typical miser of old-time fiction, Caleb Vandine was a rather well preserved man of sixty, with a face that might have been handsome in early years. But craft and avarice had set their unmistakable seal upon his features. His once erect and vigorous frame was bowed, not so much with years, perhaps, as with the load of worry and anxiety as to the disposition of his wealth. Prosaic Barmouth averred that "ol' Caleb was roun' shouldered leanin' over to count his money." Yet the local bank had none of it in keeping, which encouraged the belief that somewhere about the premises were hoards of gold and silver rivaling those of the misers of old.

The "Vandine himstead" was a venerable old stone structure, standing a little back from the upper or main street of Barmouth. Its front face was completely hidden by a woodbine of almost fabulous age, kept carefully cut away from the windows, but running riot from the foundation stone to the eaves.

According to the family tradition, one of the century-ago Vandines, being of a thrifty turn of mind, and eccentric withal, had caused himself to be interred beneath the broad, flat door-stone, to save the price of a grave-yard lot. His initials and a date, 1813, were still faintly discernable at one end. His disconsolate widow, planted the woodbine in commemoration thereof. Fanciful folk were wont to say that the roots trending downward had drawn their nourishment from what had once been mortal, after the manner of the tree in Holmes' beautiful poem; whence its uncom-

mon growth and luxuriance. Funny people traced in the legend the source of the chaste and pathetic expression, "Gone where the woodbine twineth."

On the afternoon of the Fearnought's arrival, old Caleb sat in the high-studded, bare-looking second story front room he called his "office"—by reason, probably, of a few old law books in one corner and an old-fashioned writing-table. On the latter lay a battered spy-glass, a big, calf-skin wallet containing various notes of hand. Beside it, an inkstand, pens, and a common scent-bottle, with ground glass stopper, which had once contained a popular and well-known extract. Two or three uncomfortable-looking chairs, a dingy mirror, an antique cabinet in one corner, and a very old-fashioned iron safe, whose door was swung wide open, completed the scant furnishing of the apartment. The contents of the safe were a few old ledgers and a rack of pigeon-holes containing files of papers yellow with age. There was nothing else; neither money nor receptacles thereof.

Yet on a scale apportioned to the modest wants of the Barmouth people, Caleb was a money lender. He loaned to the poorer classes sums varying from five to fifty dollars, at extravagant rates of interest, taking security in chattel mortgages. There were those who did not hesitate to say that his was only a cloak for a far more extended business carried on with needy borrowers outside of Barmouth. Rumors were afloat that years before he had been banker and bill discounter in New York; that by reason of some peculiar transaction he had been obliged to leave the city and come back to his childhood's home, which, with a brother known to have died, Caleb had left soon after the death of his parents.

But Caleb Vandine only shrugged his lean shoulders at these flying rumors. "As you see me, I am," he would say "My wants are few and I manage to scrape together a bare existence in an humble but honest way, nothing more."

Caleb himself sat at table drawing up a chattel mortgage. The sound of a cable chain rattling through the hawspeke comes faintly to his ear from the harbor below. Rising, Caleb took up the spy-glass and pointed it from the window at a newly-arrived vessel which had just come to anchor a short distance from the wharf.

"Hol!" he said, in audible soliloquy which had grown to be a habit, "the yacht, Fearnought. Wonder what brought Miss Morier to Barmouth so early in the season this year! Good looking woman, and worth no end of money. I doubt if my friend Grenfil ever gets the handling of it, though; she's too sensible to marry that smoothed-tongued—cur."

He brought out the last word with evident bitterness. Then Caleb pointed the glass at the Fearnought's boat, just pushing away from the vessel's side.

"Why, there's Bob Grenfil himself! Came down to see how the repairs are coming on aboard the Juno, and to get another extension on his note, eh? I hope he may, that's all. It was your turn once, my dear friend; now it's mine. He little thinks how well I keep posted on his business matters. His sister, the dashing widow, is with him, eh? Wonder what for? And Miss Morier in the stern, as handsome as ever."

Thus Caleb continued to commune with himself in short, disjointed sentences entirely different from his ordinary way of conversing. Like the use of the spy-glass, audible soliloquy was an inexpensive luxury and a sort of compensation for his solitude. Then, too, was the satisfaction of knowing that what he said would never be repeated, as might otherwise be the case. His colored housekeeper was old and deaf, and Caleb not given to sociability. So as a relaxation from business he stared through his spy-glass and talked aloud often for half an hour at a time.

But mindful of the deed he had left unfinished, Caleb laid aside the glass and sat down again to his task. The day was mild and balmy. The southerly wind whispered through the rustling leaves of the woodbine about the casing of the open window. The surf-beat on

the island shores was in accord with the summer breeze. Only so far as its mildness admitted of his wearing the ink-stained linen duster, bought seven years before at second-hand, did the day and its beauty affect Mr. Vandine. He wrote and muttered, muttered and wrote, till his work was done.

"Saved half a dollar by writing the deed myself. Shall charge Jones a dollar, and make him pay for acknowledging it; that's business."

Thus said Caleb Vandine, straightening up, laying his pen carefully aside and rubbing his lean, dry hands together.

"Worshiping the almighty dollar still, I see, Uncle Caleb."

Mr. Vandine uttered an exclamation of half terror, and turned around. His thin, sharp-pointed features, framed in iron gray hair, grew pallid.

"My God, it's John!" he exclaimed. For one brief moment it was as though the grave had given up its dead, so strong was the resemblance between the new-comer, who stood in the doorway, and Caleb's brother as he looked in his youth.

"Jack, if you please," was the quiet response. And the young man whose sailor attire had been replaced by a neat but well-worn suit of tweed, came forward and coolly seated himself.

Caleb Vandine passed a trembling hand across his face; then he spoke again:

"Jack! Yes, to be sure. You—startled me, coming in so unexpectedly. Let me see, it is—it is some time since I have seen you, Jack."

"Ten years, I believe," was the calm response. There was a brief pause. Caleb was wondering as to his nephew's errand. He was also trying to determine from his outward appearance as to his prosperity or otherwise. He knew Jack to have talent in different directions. There were no traces of dissipation or fast living in the handsome, grave face which looked across the table at him. His dress and linen were such as a gentleman of ordinary means might wear. It was safe to assume that Jack had money.

"Well—er—my dear boy," said Caleb, with a show of cordiality, "I suppose you have seen something of the world since you left school, and have done well for yourself, no doubt."

"I have drifted around a bit in the past few years," returned Jack, whose eyes were turned through the window harborward, toward the Fearnought, as he spoke; "and—yes, I have picked up more or less money in that time," he went on, in a rather indifferent tone.

Mr. Vandine's eyes glistened, possibly with pleasure, possibly with anticipation.

"My dear Jack," he exclaimed, effusively, "I—I am delighted to hear this. People have told me you were flighty, jumped from one thing to another, had no fixed business ideas, and all that. I knew better."

His nephew did not reply; he seemed to be revolving some form of words—some question in his own mind.

Caleb glanced at him from the corners of his hard, gray eyes. Then he shook his head and groaned a little and began again.

"Your education cost me considerable, Jack—a large sum of money for a poor man like myself, for I just manage to keep soul and body together. You see for yourself. My rags—" He pointed to a rent in his shiny, black trousers, too short by at least six inches. "This barren room"—with a sorrowful glance around the meagre-furnished apartment.

Jack shrugged his shoulders, which might be expressive of indifference or condolence. Caleb chose to think the latter.

"As I say, Jack, I am poor. I do a little business with the poorer classes here in Barmouth, in the way of small loans, it is true, yet with my limited capital there is no money in it. But Jack—" Mr. Vandine lowered his voice and hitched his chair nearer his nephew. Then he hesitated. "Perhaps your errand," he said, with his head on one side like an old raven, "was—a—in fact, you might have called to talk over something about a—money loan, eh?"

"That is part of my business with you, Uncle Caleb," was the quiet reply.

"Exactly. I thought as much. Now, Jack,

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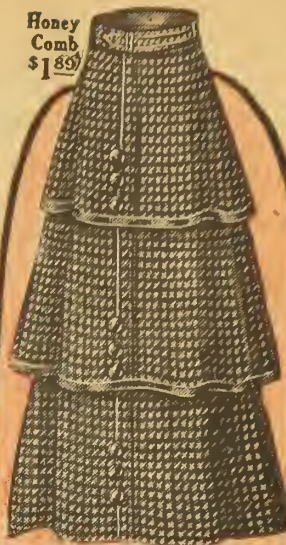
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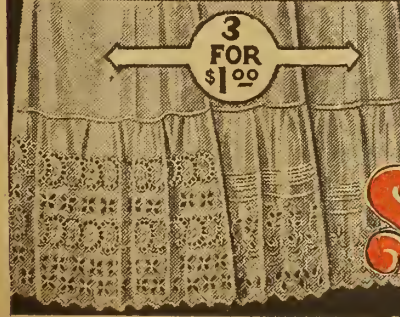
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Jack seemed to arouse himself from a sort of dreamy abstraction. A look of amusement swept across his face.

"Thanks, Uncle Caleb," he replied; "but as I don't happen to have over five dollars in the world, I shall have to refuse your offer. What I came here for was to borrow five thousand dollars, not to invest."

To the student of human nature the sudden change which passed over Mr. Vandine's face would have been delicious.

"Borrow!" he almost screamed, "five thousand dollars? What have you done with the money you spoke of having made in the last ten years, I'd like to know; spent it in rioting, I suppose!"

Caleb Vandine, panting for breath, sank back in his chair. Jack's eyes flashed a look of half anger, half scorn, across the deal table.

"I'll tell you what I've done with every dollar over and above my bare living," he said, rising to his feet. "I've turned it in to certain ones who were impoverished by the failure of Vandine & Brother—the widowed and orphaned who had put their money in the hands of the firm for investment, thinking them as good as the bank itself."

"The more fool you are, then, that's all I've got to say," was the brutal rejoinder. "You'd much better repaid the money I've put out for your board and schooling."

"That was conscience money," calmly interrupted Jack, "and a thousand times the amount wouldn't wipe out the recollection of my father's suicide, my mother dying heart broken."

"Do you dare accuse me," gasped Caleb, turning very white, "of—of—any wrong doing toward my own brother?"

"I strongly suspect you of appropriating, in some way best known to yourself, fifty thousand dollars of the firm's money," deliberately returned Jack Vandine.

But if Jack had expected to betray his uncle into showing some sign of guilt by springing this startling accusation upon him he was mistaken. Either Caleb Vandine was innocent, or he had wonderful control over his features.

"If you were other than my nephew," he returned, in a hard, grating voice, "I would make you prove your actionable words or suffer the consequences. As it is, I shall let them pass as an outbreak of hot-headed youth. I have papers to prove that all my dealings were square and above board. You have been listening to the cock and bull story of some disappointed creditor."

Jack had been listening to something of the kind; but he made no reply, feeling himself powerless in the matter. Yet he resolved to bide his time.

"And so you won't or can't lend me the money, Uncle Caleb," he said, reverting to his former request.

His uncle sat nursing his sharp chin in the hollow of a long, lean hand, without answering. How much did Jack know? He might say awkward things if driven to it; untrue, of course, yet awkward all the same. Why not temporize?

"You are so tremendously hasty—just like your father, Jack," returned his uncle, in a milder tone; "and you are his very image, as John was at five and twenty. The Vandines were all good looking," he complacently added, smoothing back his still heavy hair from a high forehead, which, however, was the color of parchment.

"That is no answer to my question," was the quiet reply. Evidently, Jack was not to be cajoled or flattered.

"It is barely possible that I might get it for you," said Caleb, slowly. "I know a man who—but we'll talk of that another time. Where are you stopping?"

Jack explained that he had but just arrived in the yacht Fearnought, and had made no arrangements, which would have been difficult to accomplish with only five dollars in his pocket.

"You will come here, of course," said his uncle, with a faint sigh. "My limited income necessitates very humble fare," he continued, dolefully, as he thought of the hearty appetite of a healthy young man weighing a hundred and fifty or thereabouts; "but such as we have you are welcome to."

Jack assented, but without evincing any particular show of gratitude. In fact, the old homestead had been left to his father directly as part of his share of the grandfather's estate. For some reason it had never been attached by the creditors. Jack had a strong impression that his own title to it was quite as good as Caleb Vandine's.

"I will bring my traps up from the wharf," he said, brusquely, and took his departure, leaving Caleb Vandine in a state of mind easier imagined than described, to use a highly original expression.

As he made his way slowly down to the

wharf, Jack Vandine's thoughts were of a most composite order. His homeless and comparatively penniless existence had helped foster the one great fault of an otherwise noble nature. By which I mean Jack's seeming vacillation of purpose. Finding that almost everything he turned his hand to came easy, he had partly learned one thing only to substitute for it something different.

After he discovered, by accident, that certain needy persons had suffered from the failure of Vandine & Brother, his sole object in life was to make such restitution as he could for his dead father's sake. And this he had done, to the best of his ability.

Until he saw Miss Morier for the first time he knew little or nothing of the disease called love. Then the world was changed for him. What did it matter that her sphere in life was far above his own? She was the one woman in God's creation that he loved. To win her what would he not do? Yet, never till he could place himself above the imputation of being a fortune hunter.

Absorbed in thought Jack reached the wharf. His "traps" consisting of a few worldly effects in a battered traveling sack, had been left in the little steamboat office. These he recovered, and turned away.

Beside the wharf lay a sharp-bowed, iron bark. Her maintop-mast had been sent down, and the decks were lumbered up with rigging and coils of rope.

"She put in with her t'-gallan'-mas' gone an' fore-yard sprung an' sails blowed away," explained one of the idlers, answering Jack's look of interrogation.

"If it was of slave days agin'," remarked another son of Neptune, expectorating violently. "I'd recommend the 'thorities to kinder look the Juno over a bit; merchant vessels don't hev wooden gratin's of two-inch oak over for'n main hatches that I ever heard of." "Slavin'," said another, contemptuously. "What's kidnappin' South sea islanders an' runnin' of 'em over to Honolulu, where they fetch so much a head let out to the sugar planters, but slavin', I'd like to know."

Leaving this delicate question to be settled by the maritime gossips, Jack crossed over to the side of the wharf where the bark lay.

"That's him—yes, Cap'n Gerry."

The remark, though not intended for Jack's ear, caused him to glance upward. Looking directly down from the quarter rail was Robert Grenfil. Beside him stood a burly, square-shouldered man with a bearded, bloated face—the master of the bark, undoubtedly. Both men drew suddenly back from the rail. Jack walked on, wondering not a little at the remark he had overheard, but it soon passed out of his mind.

Bay street in Barmouth runs parallel with the wharf. Here in the times of prosperity, brought to Barmouth by her shipping interests, were sailor boarding houses and one or two low drinking saloons. At the corner of a building of the latter class stood two seafaring men, both common sailors, as Jack saw by their dress. One was a tall, powerfully-built fellow, with red hair cut short to his bullet head, a bristly, red moustache and small, ferrety-looking eyes set very close together. The other had a swarthy, ill-favored face, made more repulsive by a scar, a hook nose and a stubby, black beard of a week's growth. Both were dirty and ill kept. The hook-nosed sailor had a bundle in one hand, tied up in a dingy pongee handkerchief.

"Good-by to the bloody bark an' ould Gerry," growled the biggest of the two, turning and shaking his fist in the direction of the wharf. And without noticing Jack, save by a half insolent stare, the villainous-looking couple started up the quiet street at a slouching pace.

"A nice looking pair to let loose on the tramp," thought Jack, as the fellows turned into the stage thoroughfare which led up over the hills in the direction of Milgrade, ten miles distant, on the line of the Great Central railroad.

Dismissing the sailor tramps from his mind, Jack reached the Vandine homestead and was shown to the room assigned him by the old colored woman who officiated as housekeeper and maid-of-all-work.

Having effected a few trifling changes in his toilet, Jack proceeded to the so-called library, but Caleb Vandine was absent. In fact, at that very moment he was cheapening a very skinny chicken at Smith's, further down town.

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Chapter I.

"ELIZABETH," said Mrs. Merrill, as she stood by the open door of the large, brick oven, taking out loaves of bread and delicious-looking pies with a flat, long-handled shovel, "did you ever hear your father tell of his second cousin, John Goodhue, who went out West mor'n twenty-five years ago, to make his fortune?"

"Yes, mother. What about him. Did he make it?" asked she, counting the stitches in the tatted loop she was about to draw into shape.

"Of course he made it. There was nothing to hinder. He settled in Kansas City and put what money his father gave him into the pork business, and they say he's rich now. Lives in a splendid house, full of servants, and has given all his children a good bringing-up."

Elizabeth sighed. One of the fondest ambitions of her young life had been to live in a splendid house, full of servants. The girls in stories never had to milk and churn, cook and do house-work; and what an unkind fate it was which had doomed her to a lot that seemed not to contain one single ray of romance. She wondered if, in the future, in which all things were possible, her ship would ever come in and bring the beautiful cargo for which she longed.

"Had he any daughters, mother?" asked she, after a few moments of half-envious, discontented thought.

"Yes, two of them, and two boys. The way I happened to speak of 'em at all, was because your father got a letter from John, yesterday, and he wants to know if we can accommodate his second son, Albert, during the summer. He's kind of ailing, they think, and John says there's nothing like New England air to brace up people that are out of health. I don't s'pose there's much the matter with him, but maybe he's what grandmarm Crosby would call 'kinder meachin'."

"Is father going to let him come?" asked Elizabeth, excitedly. "There's nothing here for him to enjoy, and our house and the way we live will seem so mean to him, coming from such a different sort of a place. We haven't any servants but Mary Jane, and she wouldn't stay five minutes if you called her anything but 'help' or asked her to wait on anybody. And, besides, mother, our spare room is so old-fashioned."

"Elizabeth Merrill, for a girl who talked with the minister, and given her experience in class-meeting, you seem to be very worldly-minded. I think it would be more becoming in you to quit flying in the face of Providence, and have a view to the mercies and blessings you're surrounded by. John Goodhue ain't sending his boy here because he thinks we're living like rich people, when we haven't the means to do it, and your father says that true Bible hospitality is to give such as you have, without grudging it."

"Well, mother, if he has to come, there is no help for it, I suppose. When will he be here?"

"Why, John said if he got a favorable answer he'd start 'right soon.' How funny those Westerners must talk, and John's fallen into the way of it, too."

"I expect our talk would sound funny to them. Miss King, who was here from Chicago, last summer, said we all called her Eller instead of Ella, and she asked me one day why we said 'funny' when we meant queer or strange."

"Well, well! It takes everybody to know everything. Put that tattin' away and fly around and be spry about helping get dinner ready. It's most noon, now, and the children will be hungry as so many bears. It takes Mary Jane an awful long while to work up that butter, seems to me."

Elizabeth sighed again, as she put away her work and glanced out of the window. It was a May day, and the blue sky was full of sunshine. The grass was thick and green, and the birds were flying in and out among the apple trees in the orchard back of the house, which was one solid mass of pink and white blossoms.

The little brook at the foot of the garden

gurgled along with a gentle, soothing sound, and all nature seemed peaceful, filled with satisfaction and contentment.

The table stood in the middle of the shining, yellow-painted floor, and Elizabeth spread the cloth and laid it with old blue ware that would have crazed a modern ceramic collector, outright, if he had seen it and been unable to enter upon its possession. It had been her grandmother Burnham's, and was a part of her mother's wedding outfit, for, in those days, in the country, wedding outfits consisted of dishes and feather-beds, and quilts and rag-carpets, and "webs of cotton cloth," bleached on the grass, besides other articles of household utility too numerous to mention.

When dinner was over, Elizabeth started through the house on a tour of inspection, experiencing many misgivings in her own mind. Her first visit was to the "spare room," or parlor bed-room, designed for the expected guest. The floor was covered with a bright, cheerful-looking rag carpet, the most brilliant stripes of which had been colored with aniline, red and fustic. The bedstead was a huge four-poster, and the plump feather-tick, without which, summer or winter, no genuine New Englander can enjoy a "good night's rest," was covered with a gorgeous quilt in which Turkey red and green cut in oak leaf pattern, and quilted in herring-bone stitch, were conspicuous. Long curtains of white checked jaconet, sliding with brass rings on an invisible wire, could shut it completely from view, if the occupant so willed. These and the curtains at the windows of like material, were trimmed with the white knotted cotton fringe which everybody with a childhood behind them remembers to have seen on something belonging to mothers or grandmothers. The little looking-glass in its frame of gilded wood hung over an old-fashioned bureau of polished cherry-wood painted red. The drawers were pulled out, when occasion required, by means of hanging brass handles, strongly resembling door-knockers. There was a high wash-stand with a place for the bowl above and pitcher below, and a few rush-bottomed chairs with block and gilt backs. At each end of the high, black mantel-piece stood a brass candle-stick, with the snuffers reposing upon the snuffer-tray in the center. Mary Jane had filled the unused fireplace with branches of spruce and plummy pines, which she declared smelt "so revivin'."

Elizabeth knew nothing about city houses except from books, and imagined them to be full of treasures and splendors equal to those in the palace of Aladdin.

"I will make a splasher to put behind the wash-stand," thought she; "change those little pillows into big ones, and cross-stitch some canvas mats for the bureau. There are some pretty patterns in the magazine Aunt Lucy sent me. That will brighten it up a little."

Of the solemn, dreary-looking parlor, Elizabeth felt more hopeless. An old-fashioned wainscoting, which might, now, be called a "dado," and endured on that account, ran around the walls, breast high. The window-panes were narrow, and the fire-place immensely wide, furnished with a pair of large highly-polished andirons; there was the usual black mantel-piece above. Upon each side of the chimney was an old-fashioned side-board or eupboard built into the wall, where the best "erockery," glass and silver were always on exhibition behind the glass doors. Family portraits on the wall were interspersed with highly-colored lithographs. There were six hair-cloth chairs and a straight-backed, elaw-footed sofa which looked as if nobody could possibly sit on it without slipping off. The cumbersome mahogany center-table would have made three of more modern style, and the big Bible, Pollok's Course of Time, and Young's Night Thoughts, with Watts on the Mind, constituted the array of literary matter upon it. There were green paper shades at the windows, with landscape scenes, in brown, enlivening them.

"Horror!" said Elizabeth, "those shades

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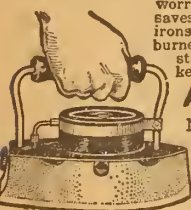
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NOVEMBER DAYS.

By Adelbert Clark

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While shades of summer fade away
Beneath the silver moon.
The maples and the stately oaks,
The shrubs and trailing vines,
Are robed in gorgeous beauty
Before the dark green pines.

The long, dark range of purple hills
Are veiled in amethyst,
And o'er the bay each morn there hangs
A soft, thin pearl mist.
And in the twilight's deepening shade
Merry crickets pipe their lays,
And there's a glory in the woods
In bright November days.

BULBS MAY BE RAISED INDOORS.

Not only are tulips and other bulbous plants attractive around the lawn in early spring, but they are also most satisfactory for indoor culture during the winter. They should be used in separate pots rather than in window boxes. Holland bulbs, such as the narcissus, tulip and hyacinth, are practically the only plants that will flower satisfactorily in the house with ordinary care. About the only plant giving similar satisfaction is the begonia, according to the Department of Agriculture's specialist, who has experimented with many varieties.

The essentials for growing bulbs indoors are that they shall become thoroughly rooted before the tops are permitted to grow. This is done by planting the bulbs in soil either in pots or what florists know as "pans," which are shallow porcelain pots, or in boxes. These bulbs are then put in a cool place in the dark, for a period of two to six or eight weeks, or even longer if desired. They should be left there until the roots are well started. In the case of bulbs planted in pots, the pots may be inverted and gently tapped, when the bulb and soil will come out in a mass. When the bulbs have been sufficiently long in the pots, the earth in the bottom of the pot will be completely covered with rootlets. The bulbs should then be brought into a slightly warmer place with some light for three or four days and then gradually brought into greater warmth and full light. During all the period of growth the ground should be kept moist without being water soaked.

Narcissi take about five weeks to develop from the time they are brought into full light. Hyacinths take a longer time and tulips about the same time as hyacinths. The Roman hyacinths come in a little less time, while the paper-white narcissus only takes about four weeks. It is hard to hold the paper-white narcissus for late winter. The hyacinths and tulips are hard to bring into bloom before February. The various forms of the yellow narcissus can be brought into bloom from December until the time for outdoor blooms by starting the bulbs early in the fall and bringing them into the light at intervals of a week or ten days. For the earliest bloom it is desirable to get the bulbs started in October, and all of the bulbs should be planted before the middle of November.

Tulips require special care and attention. It is best to place the pots or pans

in a box and cover the whole pot with at least two inches additional soil or ashes, and leave them there until the bud has pushed clear above the pot, otherwise the blooms will be strangled in attempting to get out of the bulbs.

Instead of placing in the cellar, these pots and boxes may be buried in the open ground, the pots being covered with four inches of soil. In localities where the ground customarily freezes hard, a heavy coating of manure should be added as soon as the first crust freezes over the bulbs. This layer of manure will prevent their freezing and will permit the bulbs to be removed to the house from time to time as needed.

WINTER PROTECTION FOR ROSES.

As soon as hard freezing sets in it will be well to cover our roses, not so much against the cold as to protect them against alternate freezing and thawing and against the drying and severe winter winds.

Tea roses, being less hardy, are best taken up in the fall, planted or heeled in boxes with moist earth and placed in a cool but frost-proof and airy cellar over winter, to be set out again in the spring in beds or borders. They should be kept slightly moist at the roots over winter, just enough so the wood will not shrivel, but not too moist, or the canes will get moldy or the roots decay; and not too warm, or they will start into growth too early. Of course, tea roses can be potted up and put in the window of a dwelling and kept growing there all winter, but most houses are not well suited for growing roses, the temperature being too uneven and the air too dry and the plants usually grow spindly, become diseased, and covered with lice and red spiders.

The tea hybrids and hybrid perpetual roses are best left outdoors, cut back about a foot or eighteen inches above ground, and covered over with leaves, straw or manure, or the earth hilled up around the plants. This will carry the plants over winter usually in good condition and prevent too early a start in the spring, with a freeze back later on. The cutting back of the plants can be left until spring if desired, but the plants are usually easier to cover up when cut back in the fall. Where leaves or straw is used for covering, it might be necessary to put some poisoned wheat around the plants to prevent the mice from girdling the canes. Rugosa and Wichuraiana hybrids usually do not need any covering at all, being entirely hardy even in severe winters, but even here a hilling up is of advantage, as it will prevent the winds from working loose the plants at the roots and the ice water from running down along the stems to the roots and causing decay. Climbing roses are best laid down and covered with soil or manure, so some varieties of the rambler type seem to do just as well if left where they are and not covered at all, but much depends here on locality and age of plants. Very little pruning is needed with these roses and it is best done only every other year and then after flowering time,

when some of the old canes are cut out and the young canes are left to take their place.—Julius Erdman, Colorado Agricultural College.

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FROM BULBS.

There are no other plants that can take the place of bulbs indoors in the winter. They need but slight attention to give a profusion of bloom through the cold winter months. They blossom freely where there is but slight sunlight and return to their owner many times their original cost.

"It is well to get your bulbs early and pot them in rich loose soil," says R. H. Denniston, assistant professor of botany, University of Wisconsin. "The pots should then be put in a dark, cool place to let the roots develop. Do not water them after planting unless the soil becomes very dry. The soil used for potting should be thoroughly moistened and the bulbs planted so that just the tips show above the ground. If the conditions are right, the roots will begin to develop at once, and when a good growth has been produced, green tips appear at the tip of the bulb. Then put the pots where the light is not too strong and let them remain till the buds show plainly. Remember that bright light is good for the bulb only after the buds appear."

The Chinese sacred lily and paper white narcissus may be grown in water and always give satisfaction.

Roman hyacinths and the various kinds of narcissus are easily grown if the above simple rules are followed.

Freesias, tulips and crocus will do well in pots if grown in a cool place.

The two lilies, candidum and harrisi, are grand bloomers, but are slow to develop. It is well to bury the potted bulb out of doors till frost comes, then bring it in to a cool cellar.

In addition to these standard bloomers, there are many other bulbs, such as the alliums, ixias, tritomas and oxalis, that will repay the grower in an abundance of bloom.

THE CHINESE HIBISCUS.

The Chinese hibiscus is one of the most gaudy of all the bright pot plants. It is a large-growing tropical shrub, with smooth, glossy foliage. The flowers are very large during the summer months, and grow smaller as the weather gets cooler. I have had Hibiscus grandiflorus for several years, and like it the best of all the hibiscus. The flowers are very large and a brilliant crimson in color. Hibiscus zebrinus is a very pretty double hibiscus, scarlet, curiously variegated with creamy yellow. They make very pretty window plants, and will bloom in the house, but the flowers will be very small. The leaves are so smooth and firm that they can be easily sponged without injuring them. I have had no trouble in keeping the plants in a dry room, but have lost them every time I have attempted to keep them in my pit with my roses. There seemed to be too much moisture there for them. The plants grow very rapidly, and commence to bloom when only eight inches high. There is a variegated variety that is very pretty, H. Cooperii tricolor. The foliage is beautifully variegated with dark green, pink and white; the flowers are crimson.

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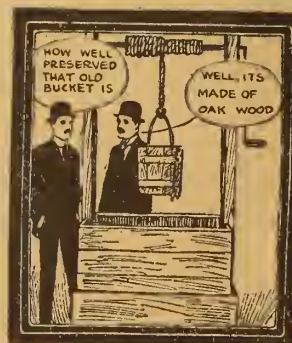
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TWO OBJECT LESSON PICTURES



The first picture shown (to the left) undoubtedly represents the title "Old Oaken Bucket." That is, a more fitting title than, for example, "Dixie." Possibly there is some other title, however, that really is just as suitable as, or even more suitable than, "Old Oaken Bucket." You will find the titles in the Official Catalogue, containing about 4,000 names of songs and other musical compositions. By the aid of the Catalogue you can, in connection with the 60 pictures in the Music-Titles-Picturegame, earn \$1,500, or some other generous reward. See the excerpts from the Catalogue printed as a sample on the next page.

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New Dahlias—Mr. Elmer Osborne, Wisconsin—For the address of a Dahlia expert and grower, and one who might be interested in any new introductions, the writer would refer you to Mr. David Herbert, of Atco, N. J., or the Peacock Dahlia Company, of Berlin, N. Y.

Growing Chinese Sacred Lilies—Mrs. George S. Williamson, California—One of the important points in growing Sacred Lilies is to start them in a cool room. Grown in a warm temperature they will look well until the buds begin to show up well and then the buds will blast. Sacred Lilies are better grown in the kitchen or laundry than in the temperature of the living room. Otherwise, these bulbs are easy to handle when grown in imported fiber, water, or soil.

Palm Leaves Drying at Tips—Myron M. Jenkins, Iowa—One or more of three causes are generally responsible for the tips of palm leaves drying up. One cause is a sudden change in temperature, when plants are exposed to cold. Another, when the soil for the plant has dried out at the roots. And the third cause is over watering the plant when it is not making any particular growth. Palms in the winter should be kept warm, the soil simply damp to the touch, and the changes in the temperature avoided. It is just as well that the plant be kept out of direct sunlight.

Roses and Red Spider—Mrs. F. Thompson, Ohio—The trouble with the roses, of which you send clippings of foliage, is that they are affected with red spider, minute insects which thrive under conditions of dryness. They show themselves on the under side of the leaves in the form of reddish coating, the individual insects only being discernible by the aid of a magnifying glass. There are several insecticide sprays for treatment of the insect, but a simple treatment is spraying with water. The effectiveness of this treatment, however, depends altogether on the force with which a spray is applied and the thoroughness. In large establishments the chief dependency for dislodging and destroying the red spider is the frequent spraying with water under heavy pressure. Where water under pressure can not be applied, insecticide sprays are to be recommended.

Asters—Bleeding Heart—Mr. C. J. Buese, Ohio—For information in answer to your inquiry about Asters, the writer would only refer you to reply to Mrs. Roat, this issue. Any time before freezing weather will be a good time for dividing and transplanting the Bleeding Heart. Simply cut the root into one or more divisions. Often the roots can be broken apart without the need of a knife. You are aware that the Dielytra or Bleeding Heart starts into growth very early in the spring, so fall planting is necessary if one is to expect the best results next season.

The Tuberous Begonias should be taken up with freezing weather and allowed to ripen thoroughly in a cellar or any place where they will not be subject to a freezing temperature. After a period of a few months rest they may be started into growth again, or if they are wanted for outdoor planting simply store them away until another planting season.

Aster Blight or Root Trouble—Mrs. J. M. Roat, Wisconsin—There are two troubles with which one must contend at times when growing Asters; the Aster blight and root aphid, or root lice. If the trouble is blight, it is oftentimes difficult to raise good plants without changing the planting location. A change in their position seems to be about the only remedy, and an effort given to supply constant moisture to the roots. The root lice seem to cause much trouble, the same as the lice trouble Delphiniums and other plants. Delphiniums may be taken up and the roots cleaned, and they will stand resetting without any bad effect, but the Asters are of tender growth and their growth is more easily affected. The writer has had success with the imported worm-killing preparations and has had some good reports from the use of these special preparations. The powder which is sold under the name of Worm Killer or Worm Exterminator, is offered by seedsmen, and sprinkled on the ground around the base of the plant and watered in, will destroy all root lice. It will also destroy worms of any kind in the soil or potted plants, and as it is quite inexpensive, should be given a trial where there is evidence of the trouble mentioned.

Scale On Begonia—Mrs. W. F. Maize, Illinois—The leaf which you send from the Begonia is covered with scale, and as the plant is not subject to this trouble, it is more than likely that the scale has attacked the Begonia from other plants kept with it. Scrape off as many of the scale as possible and then invert and immerse the plants in a strong solution of Ivory soap, or any of the oil soaps. Repeat this treatment every three or four days for a month or so and the scale should drop off and the increase prevented.

Perennials from Seed—Mr. Albert Dallein, Illinois—The plantings which you have of the variety of perennials should be allowed to remain just as they are and protected well for the winter. If the seed had been sown earlier in the summer the little plants might have been transplanted this fall, but they will do well just as they are and thinned out in the spring will be all the attention and care they will need. Cover them well, however, through the winter and see that water does not stand about the plants. If you wish to change their position in the spring it can be done early, otherwise to pick out the weakest of the plants will be all that is necessary.

To Destroy Cutworms—Miss Elmira B. Carson, Pennsylvania—Cut worms are generally divided into two classes, those which cut off the plant right at the ground, and those which climb the plant and attack the tender shoots and buds. Working as they do at night, one of the most practical methods of destroying them is to look for them at night with the aid of a lantern. The climbing cutworm works in the day time also, and a careful watch of the plant will find them at work when they can easily be destroyed. A common method is to mix Paris green and bran at the rate of one, four and six parts, and scatter about the base of the plant. The worm exterminating powders are also recommended.

Propagating Ferns—Mrs. Lucy Berry, Texas—Propagating ferns of the Boston type is a simple matter, as they are increased simply by division of the roots or potting of the runners that form on the side of the plants and coming from the roots. Other ferns, however, of the Oriental type, which are increased by sowings of seed, is a very slow and difficult process, and is often met with failure by experienced growers. Little plants of this class can be had for a comparatively small amount and the increase secured in all probability with even less expense than from seed. The seed of the easier growing varieties can be had, however, from any of the catalogue seedsmen, and sown in small boxes, of sterilized soil, will germinate in from three to six months.

Protection for Violets—Mrs. W. H. Garey, Pennsylvania—Violets do not require the protection that is needed by many other half-hardy plants, but at the same time they should be covered to keep the plants dry through the winter. Like many hardy plants they will rot at the stem if water stands about them, and coverings with leaves without coverings of some coarse material first causes a dampness that brings on the Violet disease, which shows in spots on the foliage and an unhealthy condition in general. Cover the plants with cedar boughs or brush which will allow a circulation of air over the ground, and then bank up the planting with leaves and cover with boards or anything that will help to shed the water. If the plants are the true Hardy English Violets they will really need no protection at all excepting, however, the protection that should be given all plants if they are in exposed positions.

Roses Hardy With Protection—Mrs. P. B. Wise, Ohio—To give Roses the protection to which they are entitled, we must say that the Tea Roses sent you will require good protection. You understand that Tea Roses are the most tender of all roses, the Hybrid Teas which are a cross between the Hybrid Perpetual Roses and the sweet-scented Tea Roses, inheriting hardness to a greater degree, while the Hybrid Perpetuals seldom require protection any more than trees or shrubbery. Planting location or planting position, however, must be given more consideration than class, as some of the most tender roses will live through winters in the coldest sections of our country if in sheltered positions. Bank up soil against the base of the plants and tie up the tops with straw or make coverings in any way that will shed the water and protect the plants from the changes of freezing and thawing. Keep in mind that the important point is to keep the plants dry. If you will give your roses such protection, and if they are not planted in a location where water will stand, they may be expected to live through our winters.

Pteris Tremula Fern—Mrs. Mary Ackerman, Pennsylvania—Your report on the Fern is similar to many received by this department, and because of a natural condition of some Ferns and the scale trouble, it is sometimes difficult to give advice in the matter. Ferns produce seed on the under side of the leaves in appearance very similar to the appearance

of scale, but the formation of seed does not affect the vitality of the plant. In the seed formation brown spots appear in countless numbers and is often mistaken for insects. Appearing as it does at times of mature growth it might happen that the plant because of inattention should go backward instead of into a new growth. The scale eats the life out of the plant and the foliage turns a light yellowish color. A simple treatment for the scale is immersing the plant in a strong solution of Ivory soap water. Follow this up twice a week for three or four weeks, at the same time scraping off as much of the scale as possible. Any soap solution is good for treatment of scale or tender plants. If you will send the department a clipping of the plant your inquiry can be answered more definitely.

Long Stemmed Hyacinth Flowers—Mrs. J. G. Herington, Georgia—One can sometime induce the more dwarf Hyacinths to produce long stems by forcing them in a way. Place a tumbler over the bulb just as soon as the flower stalks develop, and then set in a warm place. A moisture forms in the glass and forces the growth of the flower stem. As the stem grows change from a tumbler to a pint jar, and then to a quart jar. It is assumed that all understand that the bulbs should first go through the process of rooting, and that before the above experiment is tried the Hyacinths have been kept for several weeks in a dark, cool place, and that they have made sufficient roots to sustain growth of foliage and flowers.

The Use of Lime—Mrs. Wm. McVicker, Michigan—Lime alone is not a fertilizer, but is a soil adjuster. That is, it neutralizes the acids of the soils, thereby bringing about such conditions that the soil and the fertilizers (materials which contain the food elements required by plants) will readily give up their food constituents to the plants. Therefore, the lime will not replace a fertilizer, but it brings neutrality of the soil, which condition is necessary for rendering the fertility available for assimilation by the plant. An authority says: "When the land begins to need lime it is a waste of time, energy and money to continue to cultivate it until the need is supplied, for the economical use of every other fertilizing material, including manure, depends upon the lime supply. If it is deficient, everything else must fall short of its possible attainment."

The Parts of a Flower—Miss Freda Simmering, Illinois—Botanists look upon the various parts of flowers as being modified leaves, and they term that as follows: The outside covering of the flower bud is termed the "calyx." Its purpose is to protect the more tender parts within, and it is generally green in color and quite leaf-like in texture. Within the calyx the next row of leaves constitute the "corolla," each leaf being called a "petal." These are generally white or of some brilliant color, and not serve as a protection to the inner parts, but by their bright color attract insects which assist in pollination. Within the corolla the next row of modified leaves are the "stamens," which at their tips bear small yellow or brown pouch-like vessels called the "anthers." Within the circle of stamens is one or more slender greenish stems called the "pistil," the outer end of which is more or less enlarged and sticky on the upper surface. The enlarged portion is the "stigma." At the lower end the pistil is considerably swollen and is called the "ovary." This develops into the fruit or seed pod, and within it are the ovules, which, after pollination, become the seeds.

Violets for Winter Blooming—Hartswick A. Smith, Pennsylvania—You should have no trouble at all in having violet plants that will give you plenty of flowers in the late winter and early spring. It would be well to buy plants, field grown preferred, at this time, of such varieties as Princess of Wales, California, Maria Louise, etc. Plant them in the open ground in the frame, in a good rich soil, set about a foot apart, and water well when planting. Bank manure around the frame, if possible, to keep out the cold. During severe weather the frame must be covered with a glass covering, hut should be opened some on bright, sunny days. A little frost will not hurt the plants, but severe freezing should be prevented. Ventilation given regularly is necessary, otherwise the frame will become too close to keep the plants healthy. Watering should be done in the early morning so that the plants will dry off in the middle of the day, as they should not be wet at night. A south exposure will help much to give heat to the cold frame in winter, but at the same time the frame should be in a more or less sheltered spot. Keep in mind that Violets like a temperature between 40 and 50 degrees in the winter, an abundance of fresh air, plenty of light, a moist soil, and while waterings should be thorough, it should not be such as will keep the soil saturated for any considerable length of time. The same general directions should be followed if one desires to grow the Violets in pots through the winter.

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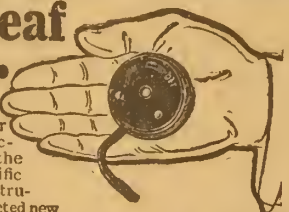
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The Stuart Forgery

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went to her uncle and told him all, directly she had sent the check. But Mr. Stuart refused to believe her story, declaring his conviction that she was lying to screen her husband, but that they should not trick him between them, and that he should at once take measures for the arrest of Joseclyn. Leaving his house, she met her husband, who had come to thank Mr. Stuart for his supposed goodness; and even in the first passion of anguish over the unconscious ruin she had wrought, he realized that it would be impossible to make the world believe her action the innocent one it was, and not the guilty one it seemed, and that even though Mr. Stuart should refuse to prosecute when convinced that she was the author of the forgery, the publicity would have disgraced her name forever, and he resolved to take the whole burden of sin and shame on his shoulders by flying at once, with a heroism of which he was yet unconscious.

"For the sin is mine," he repeated eagerly. "My recklessness brought us to the need which tempted her, and she is as innocent of real guilt as a child—more so, for a child commits its little faults for itself, and my poor Sibyl did it only for me."

I do not think she suspected, either when we met the next morning or afterward, how thoroughly I knew her secret. Her good spirits and pretty coquetry had all returned, and her popularity was more assured and unreserved than ever, since that "touch of nature" which makes the whole world kin had been given to the admiration which they had previously felt for her, by her anguish of terror during her child's danger.

As for the supposed West, his awkward taciturnity had dispelled the fleeting favor his courage had inspired, and he was permitted to pursue his solitary way undisturbed by any one except Mr. Thomas, whom I had finally decided to be that thoroughly nineteenth century production, a hunter of "types," always a tremendous bore, but generally harmless, and quite distinct from the class of malicious gossips to which I had assigned him at first.

Joseclyn and I had no more confidences, and we kept out of each other's way, neither relying implicitly on his own powers of dissembling, and he, I could see, bitterly regretting that circumstances had forced him to reveal the real facts of his story to me.

So the last days of the voyage came, and we arrived at Queenstown one fair June afternoon, when sea and sky, and even the rock-bound Irish coast, were eloquent of beauty and brightness. Most of the passengers had crowded to the side of the vessel which the "tender" from Queenstown was approaching. Among those who stood ready with their luggage to disembark I saw Joseclyn, shaking hands with several acquaintances, who, after the manner of most people, were become more cordial at the moment of parting than ever before. I walked up and shook hands with him also.

"Good-by!" I said, as lightly as I could. "Good luck to you!"

"Will you—will you say 'good-by' to Mrs. Joseclyn for me?—I have not been able to do so," he said, in a voice which all his resolution could not quite steady.

"Shy fellow; I suppose he is afraid of a scene," somebody suggested to me as I turned away, and it thrilled me strangely that he should have guessed so awfully near and yet so widely far from Joseclyn's real feeling.

Mrs. Joseclyn, with a lovely color in her cheeks and a wonderful light in her blue eyes, stood at a little distance, as usual the center of a group, among which was Mr. Thomas, who, however, left it as I approached, and walked over to the gang-way. The "tender," panting and puffing like the vulgar and officious little satellite of a creature that is grander and stronger than itself, had now reached the steamer's side, and all the hustle and confusion of greetings and farewells, the arrival of the small mail from shore, and the departure of the enormous one the Moldavia had carried so long, made us realize that we had rejoined the world again.

Mrs. Joseclyn was so surprisingly pretty and so especially charming that two or three men still lingered about her, stiling for the sake of her society, even the pangs of an eight-days' hunger for newspapers. I, watching her, lost myself for the hundredth time in wonder at the strength and complexity of nature all that lightness and brightness concealed, for even now she must be enduring an agony of mingled triumph and fear, if she knew, as she probably did, that this was the moment of extremest danger for her husband, as, if since our departure from New York it had been discovered that he had sailed with the Moldavia, that "tender" would bring an English police officer empowered by cablegram to arrest him.

At this instant steps approaching rather hurriedly caused me to look around with a start. Mr. Thomas was within a few steps of us, accompanied by a stranger.

"Some friend come to meet him," I told myself, but the next second my heart sank, for he walked up to Mrs. Joseclyn with a certain alertness and decision very different from his usual manner, and which must have impressed her, too, for she paled to the lips.

"Mrs. Joseclyn," he said, with an accent of decorous triumph which made me feel fairly murderous, "it is my painful duty to inform you that this gentleman is an English police officer, who has come on board to receive my instructions as to the arrest of the criminal in the Stuart forgery case, and that I have instructed him to arrest—you!"

"Me!" she uttered, her eyes fixed with a gaze full of anguished fear, not on the two men before her, not on the shocked faces of her little court, but on the group beside the gangway. "What ground can you possibly have for my arrest?"

"Your own confession, overheard by me on decks four nights since; though I have had my suspicion of you ever since the details of the case were first given me by your uncle. Will you come with us at once, please? We must land here."

"Not here! Not now, for God's sake!" she almost whispered, her face changing horribly. "You may look me in my cabin—I swear I will not try to escape. Only let me land at Liverpool tomorrow!"

"It is impossible," Thomas began, but he was interrupted by a sudden rush from the gangway, as Joseclyn, with two or three mad springs, flung himself between his wife and the officers.

"What is this—what is this?" "It is no use, Mr. Joseclyn," said Thomas, with a shade of something like pity in his hard voice. "I have known you nearly all the way over, but you cannot prevent this. I arrest Mrs. Joseclyn on a confession I overheard myself."

"But you heard wrong!" cried Joseclyn, recovering himself and speaking firmly and haughtily. "Whatever you heard Mrs. Joseclyn say, you could not have heard her confess the forgery, for it was mine—mine alone—though, like the angel she is, she took the guilt upon herself in appealing to her uncle's mercy."

There was a faint cry—Mrs. Joseclyn flustered with a heavy, helpless movement from behind her husband's outstretched arm, and sank on his breast, to which he gathered her with a gesture so full of mingled tenderness and shame that not even Thomas found voice to speak for a moment. It was Joseclyn himself who broke the silence in a horse, changed tone.

"Help, Eustace!—the surgeon, quick!—Sibyl! Sibyl!" And we saw, as her head fell back on his shoulder, her closed eyes and the blood pouring from between her white lips.

Of the next quarter of an hour I have only the haunting, torturing remembrance one has of a terrible dream. The surgeon came and knelt down beside her, as she lay supported in her husband's arms on the bench where he had placed her. A moment's listening at her heart, an instant's holding of the slender wrist, and then, without a word, the surgeon raised his head and looked into Joseclyn's wild eyes.

He understood—bent down and kissed her softly; then gazing at her fair, dead face as if he could not turn his eyes away, he put one hand swiftly in his coat, drew out a small pistol. There was a flash—a report—and he sank slowly down across her breast.

FABLE OF THE UNWISE.

The following fable, which is probably of Turkish origin, is not without a touch of truth: As a woman was walking, a man looked at and followed her.

"Why," said she, "do you follow me?"

"Because," he replied, "I have fallen in love with you."

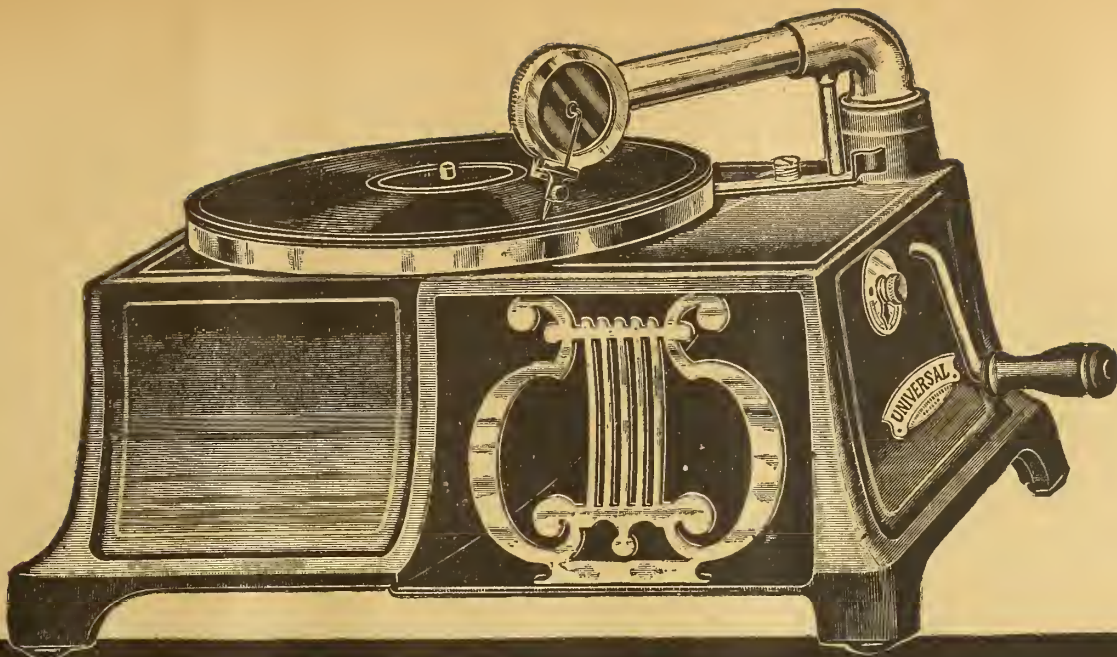
"Why so? My sister, who is coming after me, is much handsomer than I am. Go and make love to her."

The man turned back and saw a woman with an ugly face, and being greatly displeased returned and said, "Why should you tell me a falsehood?"

The woman answered, "Neither did you tell the truth; for if you were in love with me, why did you look back for another woman?"

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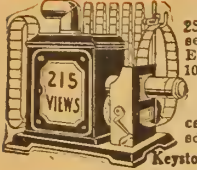
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Toughey was a San Francisco newsboy, and an honor to his profession. His very head, with its tightly-curling rings of reddish-brown hair beneath the ragged cap; the honest brown eyes which looked out upon the world with a clear, steady gaze; the firm set of his chin and the brisk air with which he carried himself, all bespoke the manly qualities of the boy.

Nothing ever daunted Toughey. He could whistle cheerily through a long, busy day; or, with business at a standstill, he could face the grim certainty of going supperless to bed and whistle still. Indeed, it is strongly suspected that the name Toughey (which, by the way, was not his real one) had been given him in recognition of his ability to withstand hard knocks.

Billy was a little lame bootblack, much younger than Toughey, whom the latter had adopted. For three years they had shared the same bed and fare, and had found in the sweets of companionship a solace for every adversity.

One evening Billy stood at the Lotta fountain waiting for his friend. The fog came rolling in from the bay in heavy, gray masses, and the hurrying throngs jostled him rudely. Once his crutch became entangled in the elegant draperies of a passing lady, and had been nearly wrestled from his grasp, in consequence of which the lady's escort threatened the child with his cane. But Billy did not mind much. His eyes were shining like stars in the direction whence he heard above the city's roar a clear, shrill whistle.

It was Toughey's whistle; and oh, the difference that whistle made in Billy's little life! Presently Toughey, himself, emerged from the crowd, and, slackening his pace to suit the halting footsteps of his little lame comrade, together they trudged away to their lodgings.

It was while they were devouring the meat pie which Toughey had provided for their supper that Billy was electrified by the most wonderful piece of news to which he had ever listened.

"Say, you know what's goin' to happen tomorrow?" Toughey demanded, in the interval between two of his biggest bites.

Billy looked at him expectantly.

"Why, you see, it's Thanksgiving Day," continued Toughey, "an' a lot o' the Nob Hill folks has put up for a big dinner for the newsboys an' bootblacks. It'll be at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, an' it's goin' to be a swell affair, with tablecloths, an' napkins, an' roast turkey, an' mince pie, an' cranberry sauce, an'—" he paused to note the effect of his words before he added, "they calculate to feed five hundred boys, an' you an' me's goin' to be in it, Billy. Look here!" And he proudly displayed two tickets, on each of which was printed "Admit One."

"Now, you freeze on to that, youngster," said Toughey, as Billy's fingers closed upon the ticket, "for all your chance at roast turkey an' mince pie tomorrow depends on that piece o' pasteboard."

They went to bed early, in anticipation

of tomorrow's event, but Billy did not rest well. His lame leg ached and Toughey had to rub it for an hour or more to ease the pain. When Toughey stole out of bed in the early dark of the November morning to sell his papers, the little cripple was sleeping quietly.

When next they met it was at the beautiful building of the Young Men's Christian Association. The spacious corridors and wide stairways leading to the dining room were swarming with boys of all ages, sizes and complexions. The air was filled with their merry clamor, and when the opening and closing of a door gave them a glimpse of the long, white tables laden with good things, their enthusiasm found expression in a loud burst of applause.

Finally, the door was thrown wide open, and the order given to "fall in." With much shuffling of feet and a great din of voices, the boys obeyed. And just then something tragic happened. With a shrill note of woe, Billy threw up his hands and sank to the floor, where he lay, a little heap of misery, shaken by sobs. Toughey was bending over him in an instant.

"It's lost!" wailed Billy. "My ticket's lost! It must 'a' slipped through a hole in my pocket. An' now I can't have none o' that dinner, an' I ain't never tasted turkey in my life!"

Together they made a desperate search, turning each ragged pocket inside out; but it was unavailing. The ticket was gone, and Billy was inconsolable.

There was no time to lose, for the boys were now filing in to the tables. Toughey flew to the young man who was taking tickets at the door, but with the claims of five hundred boys pressing upon him, it was impossible to engage his attention.

Then Toughey rose to the occasion grandly. Hurrying back to the weeping child, he tenderly lifted him to his feet, found his crutch for him, wiped away his tears, and placed him in the rear line of boys, quietly remarking the while:

"D'y'e think I'd stand by an' see a little kid like you git left with all that feed in sight? Not much! This chap ain't made out o' that kind o' stuff! Here, take this!" and he slipped his own ticket into Billy's grimy fist. "Now, g'long in an' fill up for onet. No, don't you worry about me. I ain't hankerin' after turkey today, an' come to think o' it, I was never fond o' mince pie. I won't suffer. There's a place down on Front Street where they give first-rate hash for a nickel, an' good measure. There, g'long with you now."

He lingered until he had seen Billy seated before a heaped-up plate of smoking viands. Then, replacing the ragged cap, which he had snatched off while the blessing was being asked, he struck out in the direction of Front Street, whistling bravely as he went.

That night as they lay closely snuggled together for warmth, Billy rehearsed the wonderful incidents of the day.

"An' they was a lovely young lady with a rose in her hair that waited on me, an'

she kept pilin' my plate till I couldn't hold another bite! An' I had a silver fork! An' the turkey!—seems as if I'd taste that turkey long's I live! An'—an'—oh! Toughy!" and he broke down with a little sob, "it's been such a beautiful Thanksgiving—an' only to think—you wasn't in it at all!"

"Don't you say that, Billy," answered Toughy, very earnestly. "Don't you say I wasn't in it. Nothin' can't ever taste better than that hash did."

Next day the papers contained a list of the "Nob Hill folks" who had distinguished themselves by their Thanksgiving benefactions. Toughy's name was not mentioned. But I am sure that somewhere in the shining records above it is written—his new name—and over against it the angels have written in letters of gold these words:

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LITTLE BOYS AND LITTLE SHEEP.

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"Then why did you slide?" asked auntie.

"Cause all the other boys did," said Joe; "so I had to, or they'd laugh."

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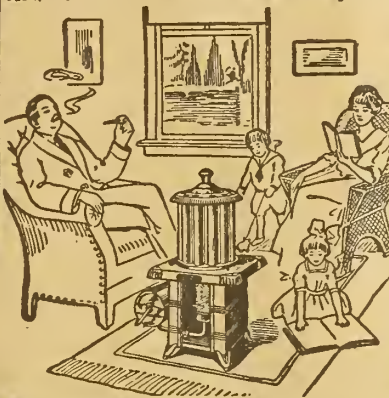
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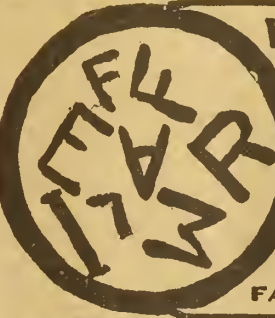
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This name always suggests Thanksgiving dinners and happy home gatherings. Although the year may not have gone just as we planned it should; although disappointments, many and bitter, may have come to us, yet we can all find some cause for thankfulness. It is good to count our mercies often, instead of thinking most of our sorrows and disappointments.

A QUIET LIFE.

By Sarah Kilbreath M'Lean

A quiet life is mine; all closed about;
I can go neither in nor out

As others go.
Within my daily paths no flowers sprout
Nor sunbeams glow.

As captive bird doth long its wings to try,
So doth my yearning spirit sigh
Sometimes to roam.
But I content must be, I wonder why!
Always at home!

O plaintive, restless heart, be still, be still!
Know that it is thy Father's will
Thou here should'st stay,
And the full measure of his purpose fill,
Though others stray.

Thy life is his appointing. He doth know
The cares that press, yearnings that glow
Within thy breast.
Thy lot is lowly, but he meant it so;
Then be at rest.

CARROTS WITH FINE HERBS.

Wash and scrape about three large carrots and put them into a sauce pan with a lump of salt and plenty of cold water, and boil until they are tender. Put a small lump of butter into another sauce pan, place it over the fire until melted, and put in an onion finely chopped, and toss it about over the fire until it is brown. Pour a pint of water or clear broth over the onion, and boil it for five minutes. Drain the carrots and put them in with the onion and broth, add a dessertspoonful of chopped parsley, and boil for three or four minutes longer. Remove the carrots from the fire, squeeze in the juice of half a lemon and season to taste with salt and pepper. Turn onto a hot dish, garnish with croutons of fried bread, and serve.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE.

White fruit cake is now popular in cake making, and the following is a good recipe: One cupful of butter, two cupfuls of sugar, two and one-half cupfuls of flour, the whites of seven eggs, two even teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one cupful of thin, sweet cream, one pound each of raisins, figs, dates and blanched almonds, one-quarter of a pound of citron. Chop or slice the fruit, and sprinkle flour over and through it. After mixing the cake, add the fruit and bake slowly. This cake, when iced, is nice enough for Thanksgiving, Christmas, a wedding or any other festivity when nice cakes are desired.

FOOD VALUES TAUGHT IN SCHOOL.

A fifteen-year-old school girl and a middle-aged woman went marketing together. They each had the same amount of money. Each was buying daily supplies for a family of five. Each wished to economize. The young girl had theories and the benefit of instruction in domestic economy as taught in her class. The

woman had years of practical experience in presiding over a household.

An analysis of the two market reports shows that the food purchased by the school girl would amply nourish one person for twenty days. That purchased by the housekeeper would supply nourishment for one person only eight days.

These facts merit consideration. Are you buying food or only filling? Investigations made by high school pupils bear out the statement that the majority of people buy only filling.

The young people of today are learning food values. One school girl lives with her mother and sisters not far from the school she attends. She explained that she always did her mother's marketing now that she was studying domestic economy at school, and what she should order on that day's marketing trip would last the family for several meals. She read her list over carefully. Then she bought judiciously and justifies her purchases by this explanation:

"I suppose it seems strange that I should have bought suet, but butter, you know, costs at an average forty cents a pound. Suet may be bought for ten cents a pound, and, when it is tried out, can be used very nicely for cooking. Suet is just about as nourishing as butter. Chuck steak also has more nourishment than other beef; besides that, it is much cheaper. It is much cheaper to make one's own bread than to buy the bread furnished by bakeries."

ROAST GOOSE WITH KRAUT AND POTATO STUFFING.

Dress and wash the goose thoroughly, then rub well with salted vinegar. Make a dressing of sauerkraut as boiled for the table and an equal amount of lightly mashed potatoes. Stuff the goose, dredge with flour and place in a roasting pan in a hot oven. One onion may be added to the gravy in the pan if liked, when the goose is about half done. Skim some of the fat from the gravy before adding browned flour for thickening.

BURLAP FLOOR COVERING.

A burlap floor is very satisfactory. I have this floor covering in my bedroom, which has proved ideal. I purchased ordinary green burlap at fifteen cents a yard, which I sewed like a carpet and laid, having first removed the molding at the bottom of the baseboard. I then sized the burlap with glue water made by dissolving stick glue in hot water. With this I entirely filled the pores of the burlap. I next applied two coats of "meadow grass" floor paint, and wishing a dull finish, when dry removed the gloss by gently rubbing with a cloth dipped in tur-

pentine. The molding was then replaced, covering tacks. This makes a sanitary and artistic floor covering which is as durable as a hardwood floor. When washed with warm water it is as pretty as when new.

PINEAPPLE PIES.

No. 1—These are especially attractive if baked in small individual pie pans. Line the pans with a rich pie paste (remembering to put it on the inverted tin and have a perfectly shaped shell). Bake a delicate brown. Cut the pineapple into small sized pieces. Allow two-thirds of a cupful of sugar to each cupful of pineapple, and let stand two hours. Drain off the juice. Beat one egg and one teaspoonful of cornstarch for each cupful of apple. Stir it into a cupful of the juice and boil, stirring all the time or it will burn. When cool, mix the diced pineapple, fill the pie shells, putting a meringue on top, and brown lightly in the oven.

No. 2—Line a pie pan with rich paste. Cut the pineapple into thin, small pieces and add a pinch of salt and two-thirds of a cupful of sugar to each cupful of pineapple. Mix together. Then add one even tablespoonful of cornstarch. Put into the pie shell, and put bits of butter on top. Cover with a top crust, and bake twenty-five minutes in a moderate oven.

A USEFUL HINT.

The following is recommended as a sure preventive for the disfiguring habit of a child keeping its thumb in its mouth. Place a band of surgeons' plaster just below the nail. When the habit is indulged in, the thumb becomes shrunken and the beauty of the little rosebud mouth spoiled.

I trust the above hint will prove valuable to those who have a child in their care who is given to the practice of going to sleep with its thumb in its mouth.—Maggie McManaway, Virginia.

A CHAT IN THE KITCHEN.

Painted floors and oilcloths should never be washed in hot soapsuds; they will wear much better if wiped over occasionally with an oiled rag.

Much time and labor can be saved by having things where you know where they are. In order to do this you must have a place for everything, and insist upon everything being kept in its place.

All the trouble caused by greasy dish water can be prevented by cleaning cooking utensils having held grease with Indian meal. Use enough to absorb the fat. Kettles cleaned in this way do not rust. The meal makes a good feed for poultry.

To keep tinware from rusting, rub it over with melted beeswax. Tins that have become old and dingy-looking can be made to look as bright as new by rubbing them well with a moist flannel dipped in saleratus. Afterward rub briskly with newspaper. Baking tins should never be scoured, as they bake much better after they become brown.

If you wish your white clothes to look clear and pure white, always have ready a kettle of boiling water, and scald them thoroughly before putting them in the last rinse water. Clothes washed ever so clean will look dingy if soapy water is allowed to dry into them. Scalding removes the suds. Prints should be washed out a piece at a time in warm water, rinsed and hung to dry immediately. But very few colors will bear soaking in hot soapsuds. If you want your flannels to full, wash them in hot water, rub well upon a board, using plenty of soap, and rinse in cold water. This rule never fails.

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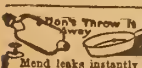
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OPTIMISM.

Just around the corner, as you travel through this life,
Is some spot that's bright with sunshine and forever free from strife.
The lane may be a long one, but its course will change some day
And lead you to the gates that keep our sorrows all at bay.
You'll find tasks not so difficult; no lessons hard to learn,
Just around the corner, if you know the way to turn.

The winds will breathe sweet music and forget their stormy way
And the rose that died in August in your heart will smile for aye.
The babble of the high road will be left far, far behind
And you'll greet the restful twilight with a calm, contented mind.
You will reach the land of pleasures, if the right you care to earn,
They are just around the corner, if you know the way to turn.

This is a little poem I found pasted in an old scrap book. (What treasure mines those old scrap books are!) And it seemed to chord nicely with what I have just been reading today. Perhaps many of you have read that little book of Jordan's, called "The Kingship of Self-Control." But it is a book that will bear much study; and so I am going to venture to quote a few sentences from it here:

"Man has two creators—his God and himself. His first creator furnishes him the raw material of his life and the laws in conformity with which he can make that life what he will. His second creator—himself—has marvelous powers he rarely realizes. It is what a man makes of himself that counts. When a man fails in life he usually says, 'I am as God made me.' When he succeeds he proudly proclaims himself a 'self-made man.' Man is placed into this world not as a finality, but as a possibility. Man is never truly great merely for what he is, but for what he may become. Until man be truly filled with the knowledge of the majesty of his possibility, until there comes to him the glow of realization of his privilege to live the life committed to him, as an individual life for which he is individually responsible, he is merely groping through the years. Man needs less of the 'I am a feeble worm of the dust' idea in his theology, and more of the conception 'I am a great human soul with marvelous possibilities' as a vital element in his daily, working religion."

Ah, truly, we never know what great possibilities lie waiting for us "just around the corner." And, "you may reach the land of pleasures, if"—and thereby hangs the secret—"if the right you care to earn."

I have found that we cannot force pleasures into our life. We cannot force love and happiness to come to us. But if we stop striving for the glittering tinsel which we think we want—forget them

in service for others—then love and happiness and pleasure will flow to us in overflowing measure. And we cannot forget the tawny pleasures of the present, except as we keep ever before us the possibilities of the future.

"They Means You."

Did you ever read that little poem, "They Means You"? I cannot quite recall it now. But I remember well its teaching. Haven't you often heard some one say (or said it yourself, maybe), "I should think they might start a literary club in this town," or, "I should think they'd fix that hole in the church carpet," or, "Why don't they mend these hymn books?" But—who is "they"? If you are a part of the town, or a part of the church, you are a part of "they," and it is (to use a slangy expression, which is very expressive) up to you to start these things you think "they" ought to do. Why not say to a couple of the other church ladies, "Do you see how out of repair the hymn books are getting? If you'll come and help, the three of us can mend them tomorrow afternoon. I'll bring the glue." Or, next time the Ladies' Aid meets at the church on some afternoon, just take your thread and thimble and, while the ladies are discussing ways of filling the missionary barrel, you can darn the hole in the carpet.

Yes, I know this is a little sermon. But we need sermons occasionally to wake us up. And it is just as much an act of Sunshine to mend the church carpet as to send a bouquet to a sick child. And the way some of our churches—particularly those in small towns—are allowed to get out of repair, is really a shame.

Here is a beautiful little poem written by Convict No. 1089:

THE SMALL THINGS.

It was only a little child
That passed me by one day,
Yet her cherubic smile
Preached joy for a mile,
As she beamed with light on her way.

It was only a beam of light,
That entered a darkened room,
Yet it cheered a heart,
From the world set apart,
And drove sadness and gloom.

It was only a clasp of a hand,
Hearty and backed with a smile,
Yet it helped on the way,
A poor outcast that day,
And made life for him worth while.

It's not the great things alone
That count at the end of the way,
But the small things well done,
In the name of the Son,
Will tell for us more in that day.

This little poem appeared in a paper while its author was in prison. A woman, who had much love and sympathy for the shut-in boys, read the poem and enjoyed it so much that she afterward wrote to the writer of it. She found him to be a lovely boy, so anxious to make good again, and needing just an encouraging word to spur him on. She continued writing to him until after his release; and now he is making good—encouraged by her uplifting and inspiring letters. Oh, how much good may be done by a few cheery words to these lonely boys!

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Mrs. Clemen Smith, Barge, Ga., is poor and needy and worthy. Send her a coin if you can. If not, send her some quilt pieces.

Mrs. Ida Lyon, Spokane, Wash., care Sacred Heart Hospital, is in need of money for the kinds of food she can eat. Won't you send her a dime shower?

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Miss Frank Whitney, Mexico, N. Y., is so grateful for all that the Sunshiners do for her. She is in need of money for fuel and food this winter. Won't you send her a dime shower? She is very cheery and does much to help others and scatter Sunshine.

Mrs. Alice Frantz, Lititz, Pa., care of the U. Z. Home Hospital, is a Christian old lady in poor health, living in a public home. She gets very lonely and longs for reading matter (particularly religious papers,) and cheery letters. Won't you write her, and help her pass the long, lonely days.

Miss Emma M. Stimson, 33 North Norwood Avenue, Hillsdale, Mich., would be very grateful for orders for her book of verse, "Spun from Life." It formerly sold for 52c. She is now selling it at 25c, postpaid. I hope some of the Sunshiners will send her an order. It would make a nice Christmas gift.

Mrs. R. L. Risley, Piermont, N. H., an invalid for thirty-seven years, would be glad of orders for neckwear, girdles, auto caps, aprons, ribbon flowers, hand bags, and other useful bags, crochet and tatting of all kinds, also a fancy shell work that she originated. Please send her a stamp for price list.

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The Mysterious Murder of the Miser

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stuffed with notes of hand and memoranda, had disappeared from the table. Nothing remained but an ink-stained blotting-pad and the small bottle with the groundglass stopper. Jack took up the latter carelessly. A few dingy-looking crystals were in the bottom.

"Smelling salts in an old extract bottle!" he said applying it to his nose. "What on earth does Uncle Caleb want such an expensive luxury as that for?" he said, with a shoulder shrug.

The query being unanswerable, Jack replaced the bottle, yawned, and strolled to the open window. The spy-glass laid on a chair close by. Adjusting its focus to his eye, Jack turned the instrument seaward. It was a wonderful outlook. As far as the eye could reach was the widespread ocean. The distant sails, the spruce and hemlock-crowned islands, the tall, broad-banded lighthouse at the harbor entrance—all added to the beauty and interest of the scene.

From the sea Jack turned his gaze landward. The sun was slowly working down toward the hill crests on the west. Everything wore a somnolent look in the quiet streets. An oxcart, whose driver, sitting on the tongue, seemed in a half drowse, moved slowly onward in the direction of Deacon's Graham's store. A group of boys, gathered about the town pump, were watching a distant, approaching object with obvious interest. Bringing his glass to bear upon the subject in question, Jack saw, with considerable astonishment, that it was a limousine, which looked as oddly out of place in sleepy Barmouth as the oxcart would have in the streets of New York City.

"Miss Morier, by all that's charming!" exclaimed Jack, as the car and its graceful occupant drew nearer. But suddenly leaving High street, the machine swung off at a tangent, and was lost to sight around a turn in the stage road.

Jack laid down the glass with a sigh. He had no further interest in the outlook. Rather moodily he balanced himself on the window-sill, with his eyes fixed upon the road bend where his divinity had disappeared. He fancied there was almost something symbolic in Miss Morier's sudden appearance and vanishing. Thus suddenly she had dawned on the horizon of existence, as surely she would disappear, leaving, as Jack gloomily told himself, a chaos of darkness—an empty void.

But the last analogy recalled Jack to himself. A healthy young man, even though he is in love, gets hungry. And Jack had noticed no signs of preparation for dinner since his arrival.

"Perhaps Uncle Caleb is training himself down to a meal a day," he ruefully thought; "and—by Jove!"

The mythological expletive was called out by a sudden and startling recollection. Miss Morier and her car had taken the picturesque but lonely route winding over the pine and spruce-covered hills; and a little before the sailor tramps had taken the same direction. Jack's brief seafaring experience had shown him that there are sailors and sailors. The one class like the "dumb driven cattle" of Longfellow's poem. The other, when opportunity offers, are more dangerous than ravening wolves.

In the corner of Jack's sleeping room he had noticed a black-thorn stick standing—such an one as the typical Irishman of the olden time might have wielded at Donnybrook Fair, if tradition be true. To procure this and hurry downstairs in to the open air was the work of a moment. And a little later Jack was taking a go-as-you-please gait along the dusty thoroughfare leading over the hills and far away.

Not that he had any presentiment of harm to accrue to Miss Morier. Nor did he actually anticipate anything of the kind. Yet there was something peculiarly brutal in the two faces he had seen slouching along the highway. And who knows what might happen! The very suggestion of possibility quickened his steps. Like many country roads in New England, this one was of a winding character, going in and out between the groves, and up and down over the slightly rolling country.

After walking some twenty minutes, on reaching the crest of one of the hills, Jack saw the limousine at the foot of the hill, standing still, Miss Morier sitting in the machine, facing the very two men he had feared. He hurried forward and heard one of the men say:

"Sure, mum, we've too much respect for the ladies to harm a hair of yer hansum head," he indistinctly heard from the taller of the two; "but it's likely ye've a bit of money in yer pocket, or, if not, the sparkler on yer finger."

The ruffian got no further than this. A young man with white, compressed lips and a formidable-looking stick in his right hand, came tearing toward the two like a miniature whirlwind.

"Diavolo!" exclaimed the swarthy sailor. And contrary to Jack's expectations, lunged out a thickset revolver of the type known as the "British bull dog."

One well-directed blow knocked it from his hand. The foreigner, with a shriek of pain, grabbed his disabled wrist and plunged into the bordering woods.

The tall, red-haired man, called Mike, was of different stuff. Grinding out an oath between his teeth, he made a savage rush at his opponent. Catching the blow aimed at his bullet head on his fore arm, he shot out his clenched left hand with pugilistic dexterity.

But Jack Vandine included sparring among his varied accomplishments. Nor was he a mean proficient in the so-called "manly art," which, in a strictly defensive sense, is no misnomer. Dropping his stick, Jack made a little spring forward, and ducking his head to the left, Mike's blow passed harmlessly over him. At the same moment the young man turned his body a trifle and swung his right arm up with a suddenness born of practice, muscular strength and considerable excitement. I understand that the blow thus delivered is called a "right-hand cross counter." However that may be, it caught Jack's opponent under the chin with tremendous force, and lifting him fairly from his feet, sent him on his back in the middle of the road, stunned and dazed.

"Oh, you have killed him!" was the woman-like exclamation which escaped Miss Morier's pale lips as she stepped out of the car. She had stood mute and immovable, as though paralyzed at the suddenness and terror of the entire affair.

"No, indeed," Jack cheerfully returned. And thrusting his hand in one of the sailor's pockets, he produced a bit of tarred rope. Before the fellow had fairly come to his senses his wrists were fairly knotted behind him, his ankles lashed together, and he himself dragged bodily to the side of the road.

The reaction from so much excitement caused Miss Morier, who was seldom troubled by her nerves, to feel sick and faint for a moment.

"The other one!" she exclaimed, with dilating eyes; but Jack only laughed as he picked up the pistol and dropped it into a side pocket.

"He is far enough away by this time," he said encouragingly; "and now, Miss Morier, perhaps you had better be returning to Barmouth."

"Say," hoarsely called the captive, "you ain't goin' to l'ave me here the night wid me arm nigh bruk an' the jaw of me as good as fractured?"

"Only till I can send the sheriff back after you," was the consoling reply.

The volley of ensuing curses made Miss Morier shudder.

"Let us go, at once," she said.

Inviting Jack to the car, they started towards town, Jack steering the machine.

Then Miss Morier drew a long breath. Turning her exquisite profile toward her companion, she said:

"I cannot thank you as I ought, because I have no words."

"You have thanked me more than enough already," was the low reply.

Then Miss Morier told Jack how the two sailors had stopped her car as she was going at a leisurely gait, by threatening to shoot holes in the tires unless she complied with their orders to stop. This had just happened as Jack had fortunately came on the scene.

Now, Mrs. Keyner had taken up her abode in the old-fashioned, "hip-roofed" house owned by the widow Martin, with whom Miss Morier had lodged four successive summers. Learning the direction taken by Miss Morier and her car she had informed her brother. Mr. Grenfil took the hint and the same direction. In the peace and stillness of the coming twilight he resolved to speak to Miss Morier regarding the state of what he was pleased to call his affections.

Very jaunty and self-complacent looked Robert Grenfil, Esq., as he proceeded at a rapid walk along the comparatively deserted village street. His well-fitting suit was of fashionable cut, his hat glossy, his shoes well polished. He even wore a flower in the lapel of his coat, and carried a light cane in one neatly-gloved hand, while the other, from time to time, complacently fondled his flowing beard.

"Hark!" murmured Mr. Grenfil, halting at an abrupt turn in the road. "I hear the car; she's coming." And the fossil remains of the organ called by Mr. Grenfil his heart, began to beat a trifle quicker. But beginning to hum a fragmentary tune, he walked briskly forward.

It was a little unfortunate that Mr. Grenfil and the limousine happened to meet at the corner, with Jack in the car, at Miss Morier's side. As Mr. Grenfil apparently had something to say to Miss Morier, she requested Jack to stop the car.

"My sister was anxious at your long absence, Miss Morier," he said, stiffly, without recognizing Jack by word or look, "and sent me—a search of you."

"I am sorry she should have taken the trouble," returned Miss Morier, coldly. Mr. Grenfil gnashed his teeth softly. If looks could have killed, Jack's days would have been numbered.

"Mr. Vandine, whom you have met, has just rendered me a most important service," said Miss Morier, after a brief and remarkably awkward pause. And despite Jack's murmured protestations, Miss Morier gave the story in detail.

Mr. Grenfil's manner changed unaccountably. There was even something like agitation in his voice as he said, hastily:

"Sailors, were they? The scoundrels! Ten to one the other fellow is hanging round, and will free his companion before the sheriff can get to them. I'll go back and stand guard over him."

"But you are unarmed," remarked Jack, eyeing him keenly. For truly he could not understand such excess of zeal.

"Give me your stick! Now, don't waste any time—er—Vandine," he went on, as one speaking to an inferior. "Hurry back, and send the sheriff or some proper officer."

Without further remark Mr. Grenfil disappeared in the direction pointed out as the scene of assault, while Miss Morier, with her companion, kept on, neither speaking for a moment or two.

Jack's mind was in a chaotic state. That he had been of service to the woman he loved was the one uppermost thought. How had she learned his name, though? And did she know anything of his personal history? Perhaps Miss Morier, among other things, was expecting Jack to make certain explanations, but she waited in vain.

"You do not seem in very much of a hurry, Mr. Vandine," she said, at last, with a slight smile. "Mr. Grenfil will grow impatient, I fear."

Jack roused himself from his abstraction. "Hurrying will not help matters, Miss Morier," he said quietly. "I think the sailor will not be there when the sheriff arrives."

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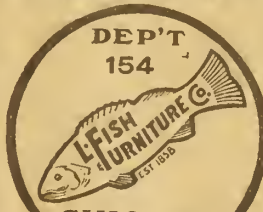
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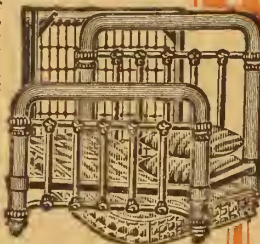
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The Glare of the Great City

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must come down. I'm going to ask mother if I can't make some lambrequins like Aunt Lucy's, out of red cambric, covered with white turlant.

When supper was over and Elizabeth, under protest, went out to help Mary Jane, who, according to Mrs. Merrill, was "slack-twisted, and hadn't much faculty" with the milking, she was busily thinking about how to make things pleasant for the coming visitor, and wondering if, possibly, in return, she might not be invited to visit out West in the winter. She wondered if the Missouri river was prettier than the Connecticut, where the White flowed into it.

"Beth! Beth! What are you thinking about? You're running the milk-pail over!" called a laughing voice from behind her.

Elizabeth turned toward the voice and saw a young man leaning on the bars looking at her. He had a bright, earnest face, laughing dark eyes and curly hair. There was a very young moustache on his upper lip.

"Oh, is it you, Fred?" asked she. "But I ought to know without asking. You're the only one that calls me Beth."

She got up from the milking-stool, raised the bucket with its snowy, frothy liquid, and came toward the bars. He took it from her, in a natural easy way, and walked on by her side.

"We've got our new buggy home," said he, "and I came over to see if you would go to Shaker meeting with me next Sunday."

"Did you ask mother?"

"No; but she never refuses me. Say you will go. I'll bring out the prettiest rig in Graf-ton county."

"Worldly vanity on Sunday," said Beth, trying to look severe.

"I know it's wicked," answered he, "but you can counteract it by looking very plain and not fixing up any."

Elizabeth laughed in spite of herself. "Oh, Fred, we're going to have company to spend the summer. A young gentleman from Kansas City—a sort of fourth or fifth cousin."

"What's he coming here for?" asked Fred Alden, kicking a pebble that was in his way so vigorously as to send a rill of milk over the edge and down the shining side of the pail.

"New England air. He's out of sorts—not very well."

"Well," said he, brightening up a little, "it's sure to cure him up in no time, and we'll do the best we can for him while he's here."

"That's real good in you, Fred. It will be such a help to us."

"You'll go, then, Sunday?"

"Of course I will, if nothing happens."

Fred sat the milk inside the dairy window, said "Good night," and went off whistling a merry air.

Elizabeth looked after him complacently, and thought he was growing better looking than he used to be. "And I like him to call me Beth," she thought. "Elizabeth is so stiff and stately for a sixteen-year-old girl."

Chapter II.

Fred came around on Sunday with his new rig, and he did not feel ashamed of Elizabeth, as he helped her into the buggy. She wore a hat with something blue in it, which became her fair complexion and light, brown hair, and her mother's drab merino had "made over" into a very becoming garment. She looked a little prim, but primness became Elizabeth, and Fred thought she was "nicer" than more dashing girls he had seen.

It was a perfect morning. The mills were silent, and the waterfalls rushed out under their lifted gates. The beeches and walnuts were an enchanting green. The bloom of orchards dappled the hillsides and a fragrant air now and then brought a whiff of hemlock, spruce, or pine from the heights. The farms looked snug and tidy. All the houses were painted white, and the shutters green. The gates were all secure on their hinges, and there were no gaps in the fences to make neighborly quarrels. It spoke well for the thrift of the Enfield people.

"Were you ever afraid of the Shakers?" asked Elizabeth, as they passed the first field of valerian, which starred the earth like newly-fallen snow.

"Afraid of them? What for? They are the most peaceable people in the world."

"Yes, I know they are; but when I was little, and wouldn't mind, I was always told that the Shakers should have me, and I used to be afraid they'd steal me off sometime in the night. There was a closet just behind my bed, and the brass bolt on the door used to shine in the moonlight. I always felt an unspoken fear that there was a Shaker hidden in the closet, so I used to call to mother to leave the door open 'just a crack.' Some of the head men think a good deal of father, and they often come to our house, but I always used to run

away and hide when I saw one of their teams coming along the turnpike. I remember, one day, one of the sisters said to father: "Joel, when you die, won't you give us Elizabeth?" When father said, "Yes," thinking to please her, I thought I should die of fright. And to tell you the truth, Fred, the goose pimples come out on me now, sometimes, at their meetings."

"Well, you needn't be afraid today. Neither broad-brimmed brother nor short-waisted sister shall kidnap you this time."

"They tell that same story to Jimmy, now, when he goes to the pond, Sundays. I don't think it is fair to do that; the impression lasts too long."

"Impressions don't last very long with Jim. It would be better if they did. But he's bright and quick for a boy of his age; he'll make his mark in the world some day, if he doesn't settle down to farming."

"Oh, he'll never do that; there's too much work in it. He will make a lawyer, I think, he's so found of argument."

Fred laughed. It was rather early to prophesy, for Jimmy was only eight.

By this time they had reached the meeting-house. Fred helped Elizabeth out, hitched his horse, and they walked gravely into the place of worship.

I wonder if my young readers ever attended a Shaker meeting, or know what form of "worship" is observed there! There is neither minister, pulpit, nor sermon! The brothers and sisters sit in opposite rows upon either side of the house. The women wear short-waisted, scant-skirted dresses of some plain color, with a large, checked neckerchief of blue and white fastened crosswise over their breasts. Their heads are surmounted by the quaintest of muslin caps, and on their feet are high-heeled slippers, with pointed toes. The men wear broad-brimmed hats and long-tailed, blue coats (like the one you have heard about in the song called, "Old Grimes"), "all buttoned down before."

When the "world's folks" had all been seated, and the hour had arrived, the chief brother stepped into the middle of the floor and said, in a sing-song voice:

"Brethren and sisters, let us go forth to worship God in the dance."

Then they raised a tune like a wild, weird chant, singing in concert some peculiar form of words and going through with a stately set of motions not at all like our form of dancing, all the time making regular movements with their hands, turning the palms first up, then down. Perhaps you think it was laughable, but I assure you it was very solemn, although it would not agree with our ideas of worship.

The services over, Elizabeth and Fred were invited to take dinner with one of the families, but refused. The Shakers tender their invitations once, but do not repeat them. They expect you to know your own mind.

When they arrived at the Merrill's, dinner was on the table, and Fred, of course, was expected to "sit by" with the family. It did not matter that his father's farm was just adjoining. Custom said that Fred, being at the Merrill's when the meal was served, must partake of it.

"Where's Jimmy?" asked his mother of Frank, whom the sermon had made very hungry.

"I don't know," answered he; "to the pond, maybe."

"You should say at the pond," corrected his sister.

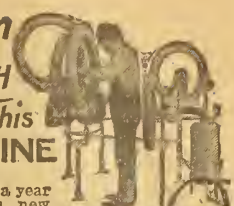
"But he shouldn't be at it, even on a week-day, while the water is so cool," said Fred. "What makes you think he's there?"

"He said he wished he could," answered Frank, eyeing the gravy-boat with a wistful glance.

Fred said, "Excuse me," and jumped up from the table. Jimmy was evidently not to be trusted. His team was still at the door, and the distance to the pond was short. He knew the point where the boys were accustomed to go in to bathe, and drove to it at once. There on the bank lay the little fellow's Sunday suit and red-top boots. Just as he reached them he heard a cry of distress, and looking out some ways from the shore he saw Jimmy's black head just disappearing under the water. Fred Alden pulled off his coat and boots, watching all the time for the re-appearance of that frowsy, black head. It seemed a long while returning to sight, but when it rose, Fred threw himself into the water and struck out towards it. He wondered how Jimmy had gotten so far away, and shuddered to think that in that direction the water was very deep. There was a tradition among the villagers to the effect that the bottom was past finding.

Suddenly the black head disappeared for the second time. Fred drew his breath hard and hurried rapidly on through the water. A little more haste, a little more exertion! There! There! A long stroke with his strong, young

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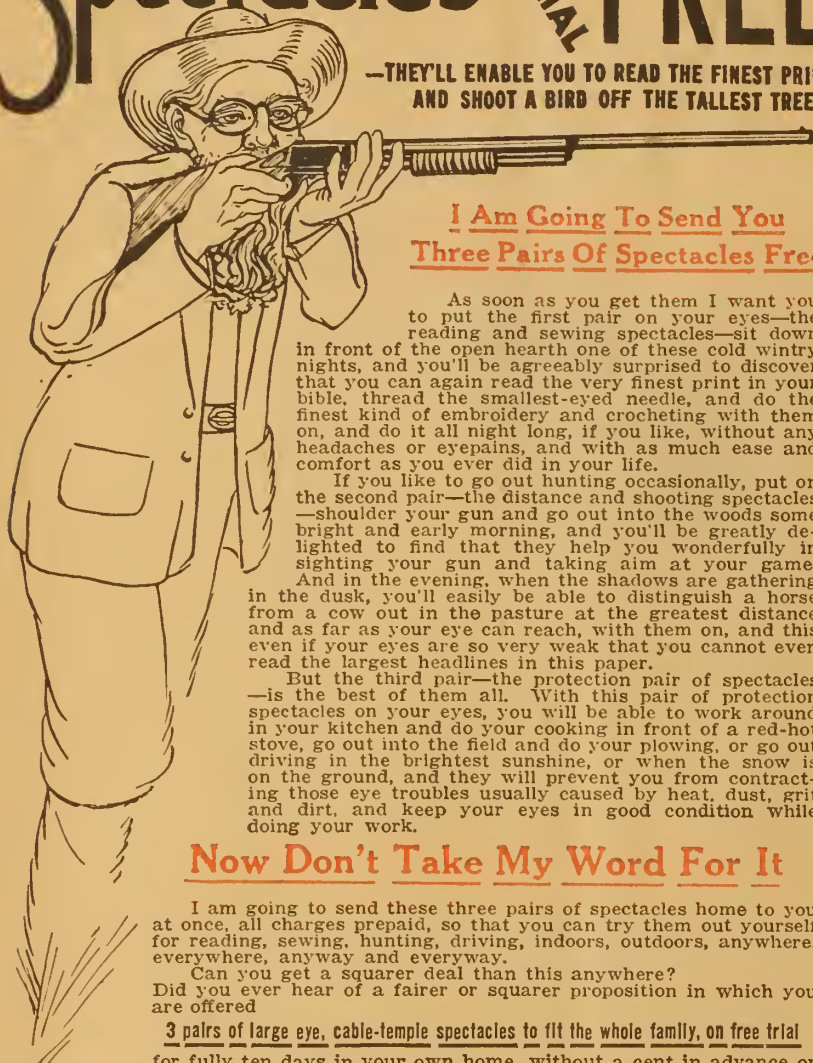


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arm, and Jimmy, limp and insensible, was gathered to his side. It was a little difficult to return with only one arm to use in swimming, but Fred breasted the water manfully, and in a short time thereafter, pale and wet, he carried Jimmy into his father's house and laid him on his mother's bed, wrapped in his own coat.

There was a great deal of agitation and excitement for a little while, and Fred was overwhelmed with tears and thanks. Under his father's heroic treatment, the child was soon restored to consciousness, and burst into tears, with his arms about his mother's neck.

"What made you sink, Jimmy?" asked she, nestling her cheek to his, as he lay wrapped up in the warm blankets.

"I got the cramp, mother, because I didn't mind you," sobbed he; "but I'll never do so any more." And the truthful little fellow never did.

Mary Jane, her "faculties" becoming improved by emergency, hustled Mr. Fred into the dining-room and insisted upon his drinking his coffee scalding hot, to keep from catching cold. They found Frank still at the table, a drumstick in one hand and a quarter of a custard pie in the other.

"Why you bad boy," said she, sharply; "how could you eat when your brother was 'most drowned?"

"Why, 'you see, somebody ought to do justice to your good cookin'," answered he, and Mary Jane was mollified. Mr. Merrill shook hands with Fred at the door, and called him a "brave fellow," in a very husky voice. He told him to hurry right home and get on dry togery. And Fred laughed and promised that he would.

Chapter III.

With the first of June, Albert Goodhue made his appearance at Enfield.

The railroad, in its grand, onward march of triumph, had left Enfield a little in the lurch, and the nearest railway station was a few miles distant. So Frank, who preferred driving about to the ax and wood-pile at home, hitched the old roan horse into the Noah's ark of a rockaway in abundance of time, and drove, with his father, to the station.

Meanwhile, everything was in readiness at home. When is a thorough New England housekeeper unprepared for company? But upon this occasion the pantry shelves were more temptingly arrayed than usual. There was genuine Yankee brown bread, a heaping panful of doughnuts, a pyramid of cream tarts, which looked as though they would melt in your mouth, and loaf cake frosted as tastefully as the execution which Jack Frost himself puts upon the window panes. Evidently if this was a sample of the treatment he was to receive, there was no intention of starving Mr. Albert Goodhue.

When her father and brother had returned with the young man, Elizabeth felt timid about going into the parlor, and waited until her mother called her. She did not find him at all dangerous-looking, however. He was a little pale. The doctor said his lungs were weak, and the coal smoke wasn't good for them. But aside from that, and a slight stoop, he gave no evidence of being an invalid. In fact, he laughed at the idea, and said it was his father's notion, and not his, that anything was the matter with him.

He was a slender young man of twenty, with blond hair clipped close to his head, blue eyes, and sandy mustache. Frank said that with a microscope he believed he could have seen some Burnside whiskers just sprouting. Mary Jane who "pecked" at him from the hall door, thought he didn't "harm some much."

"So this is Elizabeth," said he, in a very patronizing way, as if he had been her grandfather. "I am sure we shall be the best of friends. I shall call you 'Cousin Lizzie'."

So it was not long before it was "Cousin Lizzie" and "Cousin Bert," instead of two strange young people thrown together by accident.

Albert made himself very agreeable to the entire family. He was naturally selfish, but as every one deferred to him, this trait did not display itself prominently in his manner. He was well bred, and he knew how to adapt himself to the family customs. In fact, it was a delightful change for the city-bred young man from the smoke and bustle of the dirty, driving city he had left to the sweet cleanliness and quiet of puritan country life. Of course it would have wearied him after awhile, but now it was lovely and fresh and charming.

Mrs. Merrill grumbled a little to her husband that he took too much of Elizabeth's time "gallivanting" around the country with him, showing him its prettiest points, but he only answered:

"La, mother, don't complain, but let her make it pleasant for the boy."

True to his promise, Fred Alden escorted him about and made himself useful. He rowed with him on Shaker pond, and they fished together for pickerel in the waters of the Mascam. They took Elizabeth with them when they went up Mount Calm, and the

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young folks of the neighborhood made charming little parties for him in all directions.

The young gentleman from the West found himself quite a lion. Fred felt some contempt for his white hands and languid manners. His scorn, perhaps, extended to his fashionably-made clothes, and he thought him something of a dandy. The tunes he whistled were a little woeful when he found Beth away with Albert so many times when he dropped in of evenings.

As for Albert, he thought his Cousin Lizzie would be a pretty girl if she was "made up" a little better, and wasn't so countryfied, and he concluded he would try and improve her. So he talked to her a great deal about the society he lived in, and drew glowing pictures of western city life. He told her how the women dressed, what they looked like, how they acted, and the tastes which they indulged. He pictured the beautiful streets, lined for miles upon either side with the lighted store windows at night; the elegant opera houses, fine theatres and concert halls, the delightful music, the picture galleries and schools of art. He fired her ambitious heart with restless desires which she might never be able to gratify, and made her imagine herself very unhappy and ill-used indeed.

She took to frizzing her hair as he had told her the city ladies did, and wore her two white dresses, so common that Mary Jane had considerable to say about doing them up all the time.

"Lizzie," said he one day, "don't you think you are made for something better than this humdrum life? Are you always going to be contented with milking cows and feeding chickens? A woman as pretty as you will be should not be thrown away in a country village."

She reddened to the roots of her frizzes. She was not vain, and had never been used to compliments.

"I would like something better, but I don't know how to get it," said she. "I am seventeen to-morrow."

"Well, ma shall invite you to our house in the winter. The girls are very gay. Anna is just seventeen, and has a dozen beaux. May be you'll make your fortune in the West."

Oh, if Bert was only a prophet.

"I wish I could see my ship come in!" "I'm certain it's a steamboat, Lizzie," said he, "and you will see it steaming up the Missouri."

At this they both laughed, and the ambitious talk was ended for that time.

Fred came in the evening to tell her he had passed the examination, and had a certificate to teach. Besides that he had the promise of the Enfield school for the fall and winter terms. This was quite a triumph for Fred, for he had been obliged to farm in the summer to pay his way during the two academy terms he had afforded himself, and had gained the place by taking a better examination in the common branches than the two Dartmouth students who had competed with him.

They all congratulated him heartily, but Elizabeth was so much taken up with Albert's conversation and a new magazine that she said less than the others, and Fred went away not quite so joyful as at first over his success.

Harvest came and went, and the summer waned. The evenings began to grow cool, and Elizabeth wore a blue, crocheted sacque over her white dresses when she sat on the porch, over-run with vines, after sunset.

Albert commenced to talk of going home, and a letter from his sister Anna, describing the coming fall attractions in their "set," decided him. Uncle Merrill thought he had better wait for beech and butter-nutting times, but did not insist when he learned his inclination. "Cousin Lizzie" and Frank took him to the station, and the boy wondered, as they drove home again, what made Liz. so sober. As for him, he didn't feel so awful sorry.

Chapter IV.

After Albert had gone, poor Elizabeth felt the romance fading out of everything. There was no longer any one to encourage her day-dreams and help her with the building of air-castles. She began to imagine that she was a "stray," fallen, by accident, among uncongenial surroundings. She took up the dangerous notion that she was "different," in her mental and spiritual needs, from all the other members of her family, and that they could neither understand nor appreciate her. This notion was dangerous, because it induced her to think a great deal about herself and very little about others; and from being one of the sweetest-tempered, most generous girls in the world, she grew moody and sullen and selfish.

There is always a great deal to do in the fall, on any well-regulated farm, in preparing for the winter, but Elizabeth left many a burden on her mother's shoulders which she should have lifted, while she strayed away by herself gathering autumn leaves, or sat on the lichen-covered rocks of the hillside orchard reading some of the highly dramatic and sensational novels with which her cousin had supplied her.

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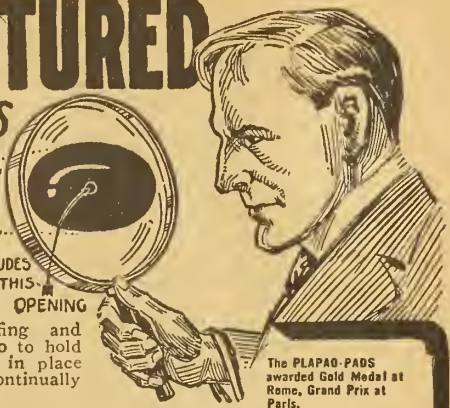
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Frank and Jimmy learned fast under their new teacher, but Elizabeth felt it a trouble to leave her own fancy-work or reading in the evening to assist them with their "sums," or hear them go over their spelling lessons. She was getting into very bad habits, indeed, when suddenly Jimmy was taken ill with diphtheria. This aroused her out of her self absorption, and night and day, for two weeks, she attended upon his wants, and followed the doctor's directions, very much afraid lest he should be taken away. But little Jimmy seemed to have as many lives as a cat, and with good care and nursing was recovered in time to go coasting when the first snow fell, and eat Thanksgiving turkey at Grandma Burnham's, in Ilanover. It did not take long to change him from a pale-faced little saint to a saucy, hardy, romping youngster.

Thanksgiving in New England is the grand occasion of the entire year. All the sons and daughters and their children go back to the old homestead upon this day, if it is among the possibilities, and the rambling, low-roofed cottage at Ilanover was full to overflowing. The Merrill's made the journey in a large, farm sled, the bottom filled with straw, and furnished with more hot bricks, blankets and buffalo robes than you would believe in if I should enumerate them.

Fred Alden was one of the party, because Frank insisted that he must have somebody to talk to, and his two male cousins expected to be present "didn't know beans." Perhaps they didn't. They didn't live in Boston. Fred was not sorry to go, even if his invitation was a little irregular. Beth looked like a fairy, he thought, in her bright, plaid shawl and dainty, white hood with steel beads knit into the meshes; every time she turned her head they glittered like silver in the sunlight. "You are a frost spirit, I believe," said he. "Did you hang these glittering chains on the hemlock?"

Beth smiled at him pleasantly, thinking that speech quite pretty enough to have come from Albert.

What a welcome they received from the dear, old grandmother, and the uncles, aunts and cousins! What big fires roared up the old-fashioned chimneys! How everybody talked at once! All the experiences of all the families had to be told over. All of them had a present for grandma, and how pleased she was over the black silk apron and lace cap, the fine, linen handkerchiefs and comfortable cloth slippers. And Aunt Hannah, the old maid daughter who lived at home, made a little speech, and broke down and cried in the middle of it. All the old feuds were healed then and there, and what a peaceful, amicable family it was which gathered about the long table, loaded with good things.

Son Joel asked the blessing, and Uncle Sanford, from Fishmarket, who married Aunt Sarah, carved the turkey. There had been some objection to Sanford when he married Sarah, because he wasn't very "fore-handed" in the world, but it was all forgotten, now, as he dealt out great, white slices of breast and generous flakes of dark meat, with goodly portions of stuffing and heaping spoonfuls of gravy. The children laughed at his witticisms, and the Clough baby pounded on the table with a disjointed wing, and crowed lustily.

Nobody's pumpkin pies were ever quite so nice as Aunt Hannah's, and the rice pudding was stuffed "plum full" of raisins. Then, after dinner, there was a panful of rosy-checked apples brought up from the cellar, and the boys found a free-stone and hammer and began to crack butter-nuts.

Ellen Sanford put the "wish-bone" over the door, and said that the first young man who came in under it would be her future husband. Frank told her she knew Fred Alden was out feeding the horses, and would soon be coming in; and she grew very red in the face, and said small boys were a nuisance.

Then, before the sleds were brought around, grandmother asked to hear the children sing some good, old hymn together, and Fred got out his flute, he had smuggled along at Frank's suggestion, to "liven up things."

Some of the voices "flatted" the notes, and some were quivering and weak. It wasn't such singing as you would expect to hear from opera stars, but it came from the hearts of those whose voices joined in the old, familiar tune, "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing."

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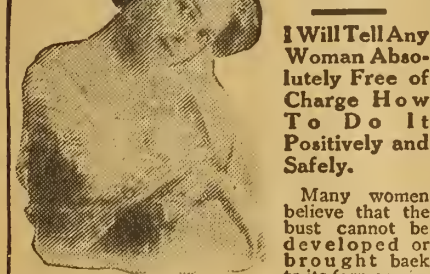
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over the new, silk apron, but once in a while one of them went up, stealthily, to wipe a tear from her furrowed cheek. The evening of life was upon her. She was only waiting to be "dismissed" with his "blessing." But Aunt Hannah told her to "chirk up," when the song was over, and she kissed them all around and filled the boys' pockets with nuts and raisins. And as the merry jingle of the sleigh bells and the chatter of young voices died away in the distance, she said it had been a happy day, and she had a great deal—a very great deal—to be thankful for.

Chapter V.

John Goodhue believed in paying his debts. And although Albert soon forgot Enfield and his hospitable treatment there, his father urged upon his mother that Elizabeth should make them a visit. So Mrs. Goodhue wrote a very pretty letter on cream-laid note paper, with her monogram in the corner, urging Mr. Merrill to let Lizzie come to them at once and spend the winter. Mr. Goodhue would take no refusal, and would bear all expense of the journey.

Poor Mrs. Merrill didn't she how she could be made "fit" to go, but Elizabeth, wild with joy, said it could be easily managed. With a new, wine-colored merino, a myrtle green, and her mother's black, brocaded silk made over, she would get along nicely. She should send to Concord for a hat and cloak, with the money she had saved from the sale of butter and eggs.

"But you can't go alone, child!" said her mother, emphatically.

"Didn't I tell you Mr. Sturtevant was going on in a week or ten days to settle up his brother's estate?" asked her husband.

"No," answered she, with an air of disappointment. She was afraid that Elizabeth's mental ruin would be completed by a winter in the city.

"Well, he is, and he'll take charge of her."

So the village dress-maker was called in, and her bright, sharp scissors went clipping in and out among myrtle green, wine-colored and black, brocaded stuffs, and her sewing machine, which she brought with her, hummed busily for a week. The hat and cloak came from Concord, and suited to a T.

Mrs. Merrill stored her child's memory with volumes of good advice and her traveling-bag with cookies. Fred Alden wrote the card for the top of her camphor-wood trunk, and tacked it on in "a green and yellow melancholy."

"You'll never like Enfield, again, after you come back," said he. And she laughed the laugh of a happy, heartless youth, as she answered:

"Perhaps I'll stay."

There was a great blank in the house after she was gone, and the new year opened drearily. As for Elizabeth, her journey was delightful to her, for she had never traveled before. She was met, on her arrival, by Albert and his father. The young man's Burnside's were visible, now, and inclined, very decidedly, to red. He shook hands with and kissed her. She thought him a little familiar, and wondered what made his breath so disagreeable. It was only a mixture of beer and tobacco.

She liked her "uncle," as he told her to call him, because he seemed to her something like her father. Albert's brother was away on business, but the girls, Anna and Louise, greeted her pleasantly, and her "aunt" kissed her with much effusion.

She was assigned to a beautiful bed-room, and given the liberty of the house. She was to feel quite at home. The girls looked askance at her simple, country-made dresses, but made the best of them. They were very good girls, considering all the circumstances of their bringing up.

Poor Elizabeth herself could not help seeing that even her black brocade—the best of all her dresses—looked poor, despite its fussy polonaise, by the side of their commonest street suits. She saw but little of Albert. He lunched down town, and only came home to dinner in the evenings. Offener than otherwise, he dined at his "Club." Elizabeth hadn't the remotest idea what that meant.

Her aunt and cousins took her about to see all the attractions. The crowded streets were a source of delight to her. The florists', jewelers', and milliners' windows were charming. She went to theatres and concerts, heard the "great organ," and saw the fine dressing.

She was invited into the parlor, evenings, and introduced to the callers, but thought the young men were all of a pattern.

"Were they all near-sighted," she asked Louise, "or why did they wear eye-glasses?"

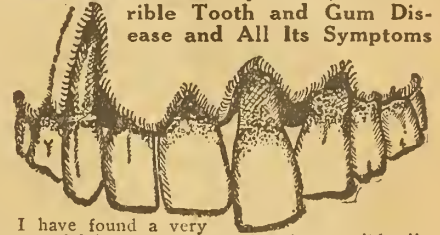
Louise laughed merrily. "It's the style, you little goose!"

For a time this pleased, excited and charmed our little country girl, but after a few weeks she began to think it would be nicer if the streets were not always so full, and the city had the pure, blue air of the country, without that horrible smoke. They never had any quiet home-evenings, with aunt and uncle in the sitting-room, and she was tired of having a servant at her heels, to wait upon her, every

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minute. She even thought she would enjoy churning, while Mary Jane potted about at something else.

How eagerly she waited to see the letter-carrier come up the marble steps and ring the bell! How anxious she was to get letters from home—even those scrawled by Frank, with postscripts from Jimmy, which looked as if they might be characters copied from a Chinese tea-chest! They told about very homely, common-place things, but those were the things she wanted to know. And in return Elizabeth depicted the sights and scenes of her daily life in the city.

Mrs. Merrill read them aloud to her husband and Fred, as they played backgammon together, in the evenings, which game the boys interrupted, from time to time, with asking "teacher" questions. Fred had to pause, sometimes, a good while between moves, in order to get his mind back to the play.

One day a letter came to Elizabeth saying Frank had sprained his ankle, and Mary Jane had caught the measles, nobody knew how or where.

Here was Elizabeth's opportunity. She was going home. Nothing could keep her. Her uncle said he reckoned they didn't need her very badly, and her aunt reminded her that she had seen but a small part of the wonders of the city. But Elizabeth was resolute.

"She is as bad as Martin Luther going to the diet of Worms," said Albert, languidly twisting a corner of his red moustache.

Elizabeth cast a stormy look at his back, but it fell harmless, because unseen.

Mr. Goodhue, always accommodating, hunted up some one going to New York, and gave Elizabeth into his charge. Albert, who long ago had ceased to try to "improve her," said that she was a "good, little thing, but out of her element off the farm."

"She's just the same girl she was last summer, Bert, and I presume you came near spoiling her; she'll outlive it, though, I imagine," answered his father.

And the girls were rather relieved to be rid of the "queer, countrified, little thing." It had taken but a few short weeks to change the nature and tenor of her former ambitions. She had seen the hollowness of many of those things which had seemed so desirable to her before.

As she caught the first glimpse of the home sitting-room, with its wide, open fire-place and mellow lamp-light shining into the snowy night without, her heart swelled with gratitude for her safe return.

Her father gave her a hearty hug and kiss, and her mother's eyes filled with suspicious moisture. The boys gave "three cheers for Liz," with such good will that Mary Jane's sister, as like her as two peas, rushed in to see what raised the commotion.

"Bless my soul!" exclaimed she; "she's exactly like she was afore she went away; not made over into a fine lady at all!" After this verdict she "flew around" and got up such a supper as hungry people delight to see.

When Fred heard the news from the hackman, who run to and from the station, he came in, pell-mell, to welcome her. He found her the center of the family group, with red cheeks and eyes like stars, laughing and talking like her own, old self, before Albert Goodhue ever brought his weak lungs and city airs to Enfield.

When they had greeted each other and chatted awhile, Frank said somebody ought to sing something, for he felt just as religious as he did in meeting.

"What shall it be, Beth?" asked the young school teacher, in a tremor of delight.

She opened the singing-book that lay on the cabinet organ, and pointed to Howard Paine's plaintive melody of "Home, Sweet Home." Fred had a good tenor voice, and Frank sang a fair, boyish alto. Elizabeth played the instrument, and pretended to sing soprano, but her voice broke often enough to ruin a professional forever.

"Oh, Beth," said Fred, in an eager undertone, as he turned over the leaves of the singing-book, "will you come and make a 'sweet home' for me? I was twenty-one a week ago, and father has deeded me half the farm, but I don't know what to do with it unless you help me. I thought some of going out to Colorado, unless, unless you thought—that is, if you couldn't be contented."

"Mr. Fred, you are not going to Colorado," said Elizabeth, sharply, while father and mother Merrill busied themselves over the stereoscopic views she had brought home with her. I dare say they mistrusted what was being said in the corner, by the organ, and desired to give Fred an opportunity to plead his cause. Although Frank had joined in the singing, he sat near the center-table, his lame foot bolstered up with a chair and pillow.

"Why not?" asked Fred, looking at Beth's expressive face, over which a rosy-footed blush was hotly running.

"Why, because—well, because I—that is, I can be contented."

"Can you? Can you? Oh, Beth, you're the darlinest girl that ever lived."

And Fred kissed her, then and there, to the open-eyed astonishment of two prospective brothers-in-law of tender years, and the intense horror of Mary Jane's sister, who, never having had an offer, didn't approve of such "scan'alous goin's on."

Of course, it was not long before Beth and Fred were married and settled down to house-keeping as sedately as two prim, middle-aged people, adopting the wise maxim that no house is big enough to lodge two families.

Mrs. Fred Alden no longer sighs for a change of sphere, or longs for

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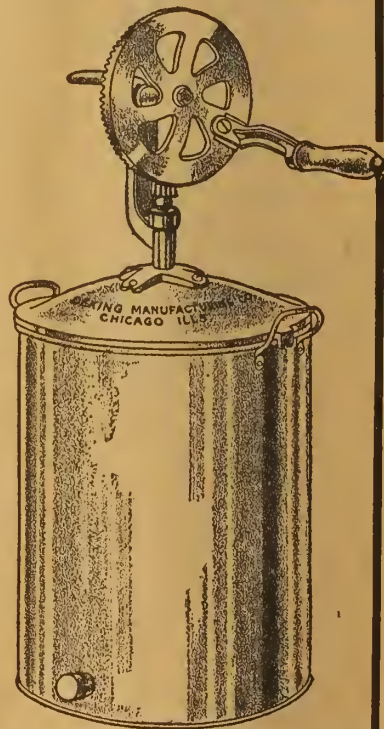
Unto which she was not born."

Mrs. Merrill says: "It does beat all how children turn out! Now, there was Elizabeth! Nobody expected she'd ever be any account as a farmer's wife, but her equal can't be found in all New Hampshire, and her mind and heart are in it. Sometimes we can't tell what is for the best. That visit to the city, which I thought would ruin the child, was the very makin' of her, after all."

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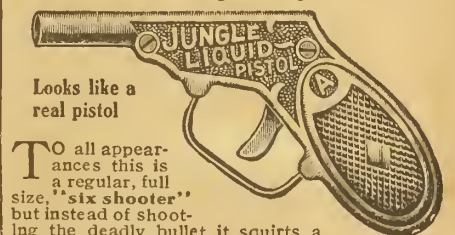
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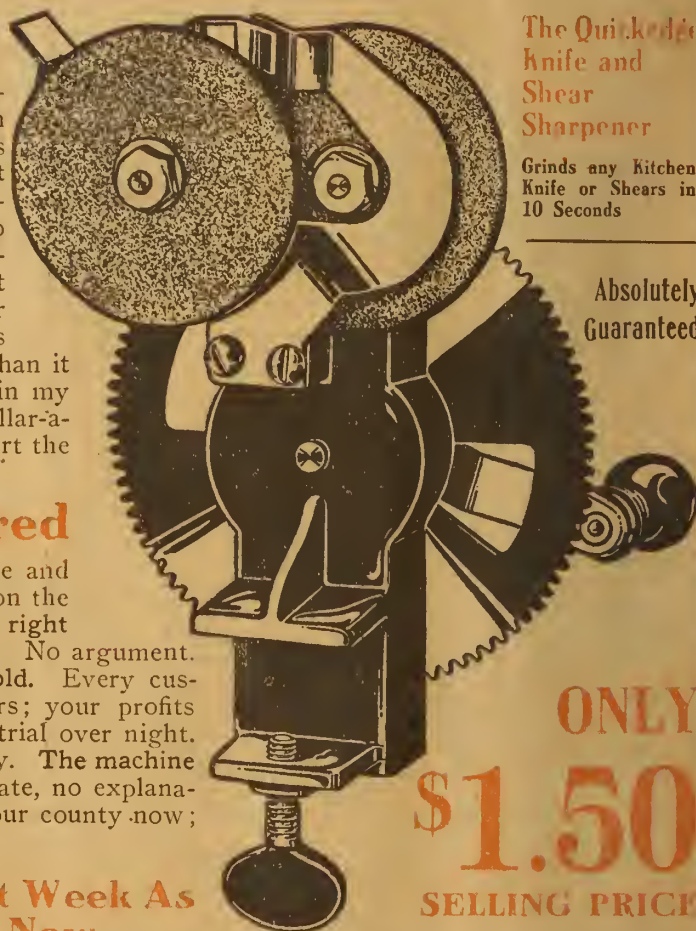
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Woman's Suffrage Now a National Issue

Those opposed to woman's suffrage are not able to get much comfort out of the result of the elections in the states of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

While it is true that the suffrage amendments were defeated in all the states where it was an issue, yet the suffrage sentiment developed such remarkable strength that it now takes proper rank as one of the great national issues.

The estimated vote for suffrage in New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, according to the Associated Press, is 1,016,000. New Jersey gave 133,201 for suffrage a few weeks before.

The complete election returns show 43 per cent of the total vote of the four eastern states voted for suffrage. Any cause which is able to draw to its support a half million men in a great state like New York, and which comes within less than 40,000 votes of carrying a great state like Pennsylvania, may be considered as practically won.

And this is especially true of a cause which is so firmly grounded in justice and common sense, as the extension of the franchise to women.

It must now be quite clear to those men who object to woman's suffrage because politics is not fit for women, that the thing for them to do is to proceed to make politics fit for women, because it is now certain that women will be in politics up to their necks before another decade has passed.

The combined suffrage strength in twenty-one of the forty-eight states of the Union, as shown at the polls, is 6,435,175, or 142,156 more votes than President Wilson received at the last presidential election.

The anti-slavery issue was not near so strong after fifty years of agitation, yet within less than five years after the most signal defeat, slavery was abolished.

So it is by no means idle prophecy that woman's suffrage will be an accomplished fact by 1920.

Women now vote in twelve states, and it is reasonably certain that West Virginia and Iowa will give women the right to vote next year.

Indiana, Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Michigan, Minnesota and Nebraska are quite sure to do likewise under the agitation for equal suffrage now being conducted so vigorously in each of these states.

This movement for the realization of the true Democratic ideal has now attained such momentum that further opposition seems futile.

Before any cause can succeed, it must have organization and trained leadership; the woman's suffrage movement now has both.

In the four states which recently rejected woman's suffrage there are now one million women devotedly attached to the suffrage cause. The campaign through which they have passed has disciplined them, so that in future campaigns they will be much more effective.

The women of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have won the admiration of the men by the skill and ability they have shown in the recent campaign. Furthermore, they have convinced the men that the women really desire the ballot and that they have a remarkable aptitude for politics.

Aside from the direct effect of continuous campaign agitation there are collateral influences at work which are quite sure to operate in favor of equal suffrage.

One factor which is not usually taken into account, but which will prove effective in forcing conservative states to adopt equal suffrage, is the increased power of suffrage states in political conventions.

In eleven states women may vote for presidential electors,

congressmen and senators. Having the right to vote, they have the right of representation in national conventions.

The Republican National Committee has already provided for increasing the representation of suffrage states in the national convention. This rule will double the voting power of California, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Kansas and Illinois in the next Republican convention. And as the more liberal and progressive states of the west and mid-west wheel into line for woman's suffrage, the conservative eastern and southern states must admit women to voting citizenship or else suffer a comparative loss of political power. The logic of this situation is quite apparent and must in the near future exert a silent but compelling influence in behalf of constitutional suffrage reform; indeed, if the political equilibrium of the states is even now to be maintained, women must be given the right to vote in every state of the Union.

The great barrier to woman's suffrage in the southern states is the social question involved in the Negro vote, but even this obstacle is by no means insurmountable.

The women have gone into this question with a thoroughness that challenges admiration. They have taken the census returns of 1910 and demonstrated by cold figures that equal suffrage in all of the southern states except Mississippi and South Carolina would actually increase the preponderance of the white vote; and accepting the postulate that white supremacy is necessary and desirable, it is clearly shown that the one wholesome and fair way to insure white supremacy in the southern states would be to admit all women, both black and white, to the right of suffrage. Superior intelligence would thus have the support of superior numerical strength and electoral conditions would be ethically and legally ideal.

The leaders of the suffrage movement in the southern states are pressing this argument with much force, and they are confident that in due time the white men of the south will recognize the practical value of equal suffrage.

The south, with its oriental traditions of slavery and caste, with its eastern view of women and its frazzled habiliments of so-called chivalry, is slowly yielding to the solvent of modern thought; and while it may be reluctant to give up its exaggerated, if not grotesque, ideals of women, yet it is destiny that it must be so. The south must accept the spirit of true Democracy which has come forth in recent years from the mountain fastnesses of the far west, giving to the Declaration of Independence a positive instead of an apocryphal meaning.

Sitting out there on the roof of the world, these men of the west have a broader spiritual view, as well as a broader material vision, than we who live in the valleys and the sea-coast plains; they are also closer to the sun than we; true, they may be deceived by mirages now and then, but their perspective is wider and truer than ours.

It will be recalled that the prophets of the race dwelt in the mountains rather than in the plains.

The west abounds in altruism, the east in sordid selfishness.

The west abhors child labor, grafting, commercializing of vice, and merchandising in that which destroys the bodies and souls of men and women. The east is yet doing all these things in the name of business. The east is not quite ready to give them up. The liquor interests, the political boss and grafter, the exploiter of child labor, the promoters of commercialized prostitution, recognize in women a natural enemy, and as a safety-first proposition they are united to keep political power from the hands of women.

The tremendous showing made by the suffrage move-

ment in the east has forced the issue into the field of national politics—it is no longer a state issue. It is safe to assume that more than fifty per cent of the male voters of the country are even now in favor of the enfranchisement of women.

The issue will be as prominently before the new Congress which meets in December as the Prohibition issue, and logically it should take precedence.

The success of Prohibition is predicted upon a majority of morally minded electors, and this is the electoral condition which equal suffrage is most certain to create.

It is agreed that with the ballot in the hands of women national Prohibition will follow as a sequence.

European Physicians Discover Why Beer Makes Men Stupid

The busy scientist poking his intellectual nose here and there, trying to find the cause of things and the relation of this to that, is giving the booze business much concern.

The world is awakening to the evil effects of alcoholic beverages, and the scientist is the fellow who has prodded the world into sober thinking along this line.

There is irony in the fact that the most important disclosures concerning the destructive effects of alcoholic drinks come from among a people whose devotion to brandy, wine and beer has developed into a national trait.

The most important discoveries in recent years—the most effective exposures of the dangers of alcoholic beverages—have been made by German scientists.

It was Von Liebig who some years ago exposed the fraud that "Beer was liquid bread."

"The food value of a measure of beer," said he, "is not equal to that of flour that may be held on the point of a knife blade, and this moiety of nutriment is more than counteracted by the alcoholic content of beer."

The brewers for selfish business reasons still dispute Von Liebig's statement, and all of them bear heavily on "the liquid bread" feature in advertising their beer, but no reputable chemist has been found who does not agree absolutely with Von Liebig.

Beer is not only valueless as food, but it is positively harmful—because of its narcotic content.

Professor Reinitzer, of the Polytechnic Institute at Graz, has made the discovery that hops—the bitter-tasting, sticky substance contained in each hop flower is closely allied to that oriental narcotic, hashheesh, and to the presence of hops is due the stupefying effects of beer.

"Hops is very closely related to hemp," says Prof. Reinitzer. "In the female blossom of the hops we find glands, holding a narcotic, bitter-tasting, sticky substance which forms the active element of the hashheesh from Indian hemp.

"Hashheesh is a narcotic made by the natives of India, Egypt, Turkey and other countries from the leaves, stalks and flowers of the hemp plant.

"Long ago it was the custom of eastern despots, when assigning to servants the duty of assassination, to intoxicate them with hashheesh. The word 'assassin' is said by some philologists to be derived from hashheesh.

"The drug has a peculiar, brutalizing effect. It pulls in the nerves from the finger tips to the inner recesses, as a cat does its claws. The victim is left imperceptive, unresponsive, and in time is degraded to the level of a grunting hog."

"The hops in beer," says Prof. Reinitzer, "is responsible for that stupefaction which marks the beer Philistine. Beer drinking has apparently a special action on the nervous system, which leads to that clumsy, provincial heaviness of mind one can observe most strikingly in the beer drinker; also, the hops contribute to the pathological, burning thirst of the beer drinker and to the injurious effects upon the kidneys."

Dr. Lang, of Zurich, says, "Brandy makes a man sick, but beer makes him stupid."

Dr. Delbruech declares that all civilization must, for its own safety, "war on beer."

There is a scientific reason for "war on beer."

Beer contains the product of two types of yeast germs—one, alcohol is the toxin of the yeast or ferment germs, and the other is the toxin produced from the hops.

According to the universal law of biology, the toxin of one form of life is a poison to all forms of life of a higher order. The yeast germ is a low type of life and its toxin is a poison to all human or other animal life and to all the living tissues and organs.

Dr. Reinitzer maintains that the hops content of beer is more destructive to the human organism than the alcoholic element.

He cites vital statistics of Munich, Germany, a city that consumes more beer per capita than any other city in the world, to prove his statement. Record of examinations of one thousand cases in the city hospital disclosed one person out of seven had "beer heart," or fatty degeneration of the heart. Bright's disease, diabetes, chlorosis of the liver and stomach troubles are prevailing diseases. "Such bloated faces, such distended bellies, one sees nowhere else in all Europe," exclaims the disgusted Professor.

It is Prof. Reinitzer's opinion that universal military service, with its long years of physical training and abstemious living, alone has prevented beer drinking from reducing the German people to a nation of invalids.

While Germany has more breweries than any other country in the world, it is also true that no other country has so many kurhauses and spas.

The science of chemistry has been developed in Germany as in no other country, and it is significant that the greatest chemists are devoting much time to research along the line of Prof. Reinitzer's work in order to awaken the German people to the dangers of beer and other alcoholic beverages.

There are those who predict that in the near future Germany will lead the world in the fight against all forms of alcoholic beverages.

The Accessibility of Drink Responsible for Most of the Evil

After all is said and done, the anti-saloon movement in America is based upon one proposition—*make alcoholic beverages inaccessible to men.*

It is the universal experience, when you make it difficult for men to drink, there will be less liquor consumed.

Every community which has voted out the saloon has discovered that the effect has been to check the drink evil, and to prevent young men from acquiring the drink habit.

No one claims that drinking is suppressed by the abolition of the saloon, but every one must admit that the moment a community makes liquor inaccessible to men, there is at once noted a marked decrease in the consumption of liquor as a beverage.

The brewer and the distiller understand this question thoroughly. What they want is to have liquor easy of access to men—hence the bitter contests they wage to defeat every law or police regulation that curbs the saloon.

The life of the liquor business depends largely upon the continuance of the open saloon, occupying the most important street corner, where the best advertisement may be given to the business and where liquor may be accessible to all.

The power of suggestion is a big factor in causing men to drink. This is why saloon windows are often filled with liquors of all kind in attractive glassware. Men pass these windows, and seeing the display, are given the impulse to go inside and drink. Many men are thus lured to drink who perhaps might remain sober were liquor not flaunted before them on every street and at every corner.

All of these facts are understood by the brewers and distillers.

So the real fight is to make liquor inaccessible. Every time a saloon is put out of business it has made liquor inaccessible to greater or less groups of men, and thus some good has been accomplished.

Humanitarian considerations—love for the race—should impel us to use every means at our command to check the ravages of alcoholism.

If making liquor inaccessible serves as a check upon the use of it as a beverage, then whenever the opportunity comes to abolish the saloon, every real man should do his duty—by voting against the saloon.

When it is demonstrated to us by statistics that cannot be refuted that every saloon in America is responsible for the death of at least three men every year, what should be done?

Isn't 300,000 deaths a year too heavy toll to pay for any business?

And what should we do when we know that on an average each saloon makes one hundred new regular drinkers each year, and that the number of confirmed drunkards in America is in excess of 1,000,000, and that the regular drinkers are 4,000,000 and the so-called temperate drinkers are 20,000,000, all largely because of the ease with which liquor may be obtained through the open saloon, what does

common sense tell us should be done under these conditions?

Those who drink alcoholic beverages should realize the terrible price they pay. They nearly double the chances of their children dying in infancy and they undermine the health and normality of those that survive.

Scientists having investigated more than 800 cases announce that of children born of alcoholic parents, one in every five will be hopelessly insane, and one in every three will be hysterical or epileptic, and more than two-thirds will be degenerates.

Another scientist located ten large families in which both parents were alcoholic, and in the same localities with other conditions practically the same, ten large families in which both parents were abstainers.

Of the fifty-seven children of the alcoholic parents, ten were deformed, six were epileptic, six were idiotic, only 17 per cent were normal and 83 per cent were abnormal. Of the sixty-one children of the total abstaining parents, 10.5 per cent were abnormal, and these chiefly backward, while 89.5 were absolutely normal.

Parents by becoming alcoholic will sacrifice three-fourths of their children on the altar of drink.

Chemical research has demonstrated that alcohol is destructive and degenerating to the human organism.

Its effects upon the cells and tissues of the body are depressive, narcotic and anaesthetic. The last word of science is that alcohol is a narcotic poison.

It has been found to be a hydro-carbon produced by the process of fermentation and is the toxin of liquid excretion or waste product of the yeast or ferment germ.



If the physical effect of alcoholism is so destructive, what shall we say of the economic effect upon communities and government?

This is answered by the growing population of criminals, insane, blind and deaf in every state of the Union where liquor is easy of access to men—where the open saloon is licensed by law.

The business world has been quick to perceive the economic loss involved in the employment of men who drink, and industrial prohibition has been decreed.

But the state and national governments controlled by politicians, who in turn are made and unmade by the liquor oligarchy, still adhere with stolid blindness to the policy of making it easy for men to render themselves unfit for the duties of life through drink.

However, many states have broken the chain of bondage and have decreed prohibition with most gratifying results, and national prohibition seems but a few years ahead.

It is being generally recognized that the only rational thing to do in this fight to save America from the ravages of alcoholism is to make drink inaccessible.

This must be done by law.

Until recently cocaine, heroin, morphine, opium and other narcotic drugs were unrestricted articles of commerce and merchandise, but the narcotic vice became so widespread that Congress felt impelled to enact laws making these narcotic drugs more difficult to get. They have practically made them inaccessible by law.

Liquor must be treated in the same manner if alcoholism in America is to be effectively checked. It must be made inaccessible.

The Independence of Emily

Sometimes a Good Husband Needs to be "Managed" by His Good Wife

By MORRIS WADE

MYRA THORPE had walked the half mile between her house and the home of her cousin, Emily Pratt. It was a warm day in the latter part of June, and Myra had reached her cousin's house "all het up." Myra lost her serenity and self-poise readily, and the heat of summer always irritated her. Things had gone wrong all morning in her home, and she was not in the most cheerful mood when she reached the Thorpe farm-house. She found her Cousin Emily out on the back porch churning. The dasher went up and down rather listlessly in Emily's hands, for although she was a tiny and bloodless-looking woman, Emily also felt the heat. It had been an exceptionally cool summer thus far, and the hot wave had been sudden and unexpected. There was more color than usual in Myra's face this morning, and her fat cheeks were of a lobster hue as she mounted the porch-steps and dropped heavily into an old wooden rocker with a faded chintz cushion. Myra whipped off her big gingham sunbonnet and began fanning herself vigorously with it after she had said,

"My land, ain't it hot? I'd no idea it was so hot until I got out in the sun. I thought I'd melt before I got here. I hate hot weather. If this keeps up there'll be no living with me, I'll be that cross. I'm glad I got my churning out o' the way before breakfast this morning."

"I would have tried to have done mine then if I had known it was going to be so hot," said Emily wearily. "Let me get you a fan, Myra."

"Oh, don't bother. The tail o' my sunbonnet will do, and anyhow I think it only makes one hotter to fan one's self. At least you feel the heat more when you stop fanning."

"I'll go and get you a drink right from the well."

"No you needn't, Emily. The less cold water a body drinks on such a day the better. I never drink when I'm all het up this way. I'll go and get myself a drink before I go home. How much butter you churning a week now?"

"I churned thirty-seven pounds last week."

"How much you getting for it? We're not selling any now. You know three of our cows are dry."

"I don't know how much Laban got for the butter last week. I didn't ask him."

Myra gave a little snort of irritation, and there was a sharp note in her voice as she said:

"I guess I'd know how much Reuben Thorpe got for butter I had churned. The fact is, he'd have to ask me what it brought before he knew his own self. You know that I have all the egg-and-butter money myself, Emily."

"Yes, I know," replied Emily. The flush deepened on her face as she spoke.

"I just let Reuben Thorpe know from the day we were married that there was going to

be two pocketbooks in our family, and that mine wasn't going to be empty all the time, and that there wasn't going to be any 'allowance' about it, either. I was ready and willing to work hard to keep up my end of the row, and I was bound to have something for it, and I wasn't going to have my work cheapened by being paid for it with an 'allowance, from my husband's pocketbook. I was bound I'd be independent of him or any other man when it came to my spending-money. I've heard of women who said when they married that they liked to be dependent on the 'generosity of their husbands.' That sounds mighty well, but the generosity of the average husband ain't the safest thing on earth to tie to after the honeymoon is over, and the wise woman will need something more definite to depend upon for her regular cash income. But then I didn't traipse away over here with the thermometer in the nineties to talk as if I didn't have one of the best husbands in the world, for I have. I come over to borrow your big, round cake-pan, the one with a spout in the center. You know that Friday is my Lucy's birthday, and she is going to have quite a party, and I want to bake her a cake bigger than I can bake in any of my tins. I'm going to frost it all up nice with red and white frosting, and I want that you should let your Hettie come over to the party. I'll send the tin back some time tomorrow. I s'pose you are willing that I should have it."

"Why, yes, Myra; I'm willing enough. Indeed, you are more than welcome to it so far as I am concerned, but—but—" she looked confused, and the color in her face deepened as she said, "You see, Laban is away over in the north field at work, and I can't ask him about it, and he doesn't like to have me loan anything without him knowing about it. I'll ask him the minute he comes home, Myra, and if it is all right, and I'm sure it will be, I'll send Willie right over with it or come myself. I'm sorry Laban isn't here so you could take the tin right with you."

Myra ceased fanning herself and at the same time ceased rocking in the creaking old rocking-chair. She grasped the arms of the chair firmly and stared at Emily with flashing eyes and tightly compressed lips. Emily grew nervous and uneasy under that stony stare. Her face crimsoned and her eyes were downcast. Myra's lips opened with a snap. Her voice had a metallic ring as she said:

"Well, Emily Pratt! Do you mean to stand there and tell me that you can't loan even your own cousin a cake-tin without asking leave of your husband? Upon my soul!"

"Oh, I'm sure that Laban wouldn't object, Myra; only he don't like to have anything loaned off the place without his knowledge. He wants to be neighborly, I know, and—"

"Neighborly!" said Myra, with an outburst of scorn. "I think he'd learn to be husbandly

first! And it isn't husbandly for a man to keep his wife from saying that her soul and her cake-tins are not her own!"

"Oh, Myra! I'm sure that—"

But Myra had now thrown all discretion to the winds. She had long wanted to "have her say" regarding Laban Pratt's attitude toward his wife in regard to her "rights," and she felt that the time had come for her to "come out flat-footed" and give Laban his dues. Emily's meek and humble submission to Laban's authority had long been a source of comment and irritation on the part of Myra, and she had long wanted to give Emily a "talking-to" in regard to it.

"See here, Emily," said Myra. "Do you know that the whole neighborhood is talking about the way Labe Pratt has you under his thumb? I vow, Emily, if I was you I'd muster up a little independence! Why, Emily, you ain't no more independence or individuality than a—a—well, than a jellyfish! No, you ain't! And the time will come, if it ain't already arrived, when Laban will despise you for your meaching pulingness! No man admires or respects a woman who is like a lump of putty in his hands! I don't think that my husband has ever been prouder of me than sometimes when I have held out firmly for my own rights. Men like a little spirit in a woman. Why, Emily, it's awful, it's ridiculous the way you give up to Labe Pratt! Now, ain't that cake-tin your own? If I ain't mistaken it is one that your mother had, and that you got with the rest of her things when she died. Ain't that so?"

"Yes, it was mother's," replied Emily with her eyes downcast.

"Well, then, it isn't Laban Pratt's now; it's yours. There is no law of God or man that says that a wife and everything she's got on earth shall belong to her husband, the same as his pig belongs to him. I ain't no woman suffragist to the extent of wanting to vote, but I'll own up that the woman suffragists have done a blessed thing in getting their rights for married women. Now, Emily, I'm going to speak plain for your own good. I have had it in mind to do so for a long time, and now I'll have it out with you! Emily you're a fool!"

"Why, Cousin Myra!"

"It's so, Cousin Emily! Any woman is a fool who gives up to her husband the way you give up to Laban Pratt! Now, see here, Emily; next week is Independence Day, ain't it? Well, you need to come out from under oppression just as much as the Colonists did more than a hundred years ago. They didn't suffer any more unfairness and oppression than you are suffering now. If I were you, Emily Pratt, I would try to get enough of the spirit of independence in me to stand up for my rights. I'd begin on Independence Day, if not sooner; now, I vum I just would! Just

as sure as you don't muster up more spirit Laban will come to despise you as he despises the dirt under his feet!"

"Why, Myra!"

"I tell you he will! You'd better begin being independent by loaning me that cake-tin without saying anything to Laban about it; and if he misses it you tell him that you let me have it, and if he raises a row you tell him that it is your own, and that you'll do as you please with it! I don't want to come in between any husband and wife, but in this case my meddling is for your own good. Where's that tin, Emily?"

Myra got up as she asked the question. Emily went into the pantry, and came out with the cake-tin in her hand.

"Here it is, Myra," she said. "You are welcome to it."

"I know I am, and I know that Laban would be perfectly willing that I should have it. Laban has his good streaks, like most men, and it's a good deal your fault that he is the man that he is today, in some respects. You ain't managed him right, and you ain't managed yourself right. I must go now. You be sure and let Hetty come over to the party."

"I will if her father thinks best for her to—"

"There it is again!" exclaimed Myra. "Do you s'pose I'd think of running to Reuben Thorpe about it if I wanted to send my little Hester to one of the neighbors for the afternoon? Well, I guess not! Now, Emily, do for pity's sake spunk up and have a little will of your own!"

Emily thought long and seriously of all that Myra had said as she went about her work after she had gone. She was forced to the conviction that all that her cousin had said was true. Emily had already begun to feel that her husband did not respect her, and she had begun to lose respect for herself. She had begun to feel that she had started out on her matrimonial career with false conceptions regarding her duty to her husband. She felt that she had made a mistake merging her individuality so entirely into his that she had no will of her own, no freedom of action.

"Myra was right," said Emily to herself an hour after Myra had gone home. "I am a poor, spiritless creature unworthy the respect of my husband or of myself. Laban will come to despise me, if he does not do so now. It is time for me to develop a little independence, and I will do it. It will be better for me and better for Laban if I do it—assert myself as I ought to have asserted myself years ago."

During the afternoon Mrs. Pratt had another caller in the person of old Squire Thompson. He made his errand known a few minutes after his arrival.

"You see, Mrs. Pratt," he said "we are getting up a grand Fourth-of-July celebration to take place over in my grove on the river bank. It looks now as if it would be the biggest affair of the kind we have ever had in these parts. The folks from Union Township are going to join in with us, and we are going to have just the biggest kind of a time. We had a committee meeting last night at my house, and when it came to deciding on who should read the Declaration of Independence the committee agreed unanimously that we would ask your daughter Hetty to do it. She's the best speaker that I know of—speaks up good and loud, and you can understand every word that she says. I reckon she'd be willing to do it and that you would be willing to have her?"

Emily's heart swelled with motherly pride. Hetty was not at home, and her mother said:

"I know that Hetty would be glad to do it if her father felt willing to have her do so. I will ask him as soon as he comes home and—"

Emily's new resolution came suddenly to her. She hesitated for a moment, then she said with decision, "Hetty will do it. You may put her down on the program. I thank you for the compliment you pay her in asking her to take so important a part in the celebration. Nothing but illness will keep her away."

When Hetty came home an hour later and heard of the Squire's call her bright eyes shone with pride and pleasure. Suddenly she grew grave and said:

"But oh, mother, what shall I wear? I couldn't get up before all of the people in my faded old blue and white challee that I have outgrown, and you know that it is my best summer dress. Then father said, when you asked him about it, that he could not afford to get me a new hat this year, and you know how dreadfully shabby my old one is. Oh, mother, I just couldn't get up before all of the people in that old hat and dress. I will have to give up reciting the Declaration."

Emily's new spirit of independence ran high at that moment.

"No, you will not give it up, Hetty," she said. "Nor will you have to get up before all of the people in your shabby and outgrown old garments. You shall have a pretty new white dress and just such a lovely pink and white hat as I saw in one of the shop windows when I was in town last week."

"But father said that—"

"Mother said that you are to have the new things necessary for you to make a good ap-

pearance when you read the Declaration," said Emily, with a smile. She felt her long-dormant will power rising within her. Her voice was fairly exultant when she said:

"We will go to town tomorrow morning and get everything that you need. I shall need some things for myself and for the other children."

"But will father allow you to—"

"Now, Hetty, dear, you must leave it all to me. I will arrange it all with your father."

Emily had too much womanly pride and was too loyal to her husband to speak disrespectfully of him before their children, or she might have said that she did not care anything about what her husband said or thought in her first moments of freedom from the thralldom that had bound her for so many years. She knew that her husband could very well afford to clothe his wife and children far better than they had ever been clothed. Moreover, she had in the bank in the town five hundred dollars that had come to her from the estate of her father. She had often wanted to draw some of this money and use it for her own needs and for the needs of her children, but Laban had always opposed her. In her new spirit of independence she felt that it was her just right to use this money as she pleased.

When Laban Pratt came home Emily told him of Squire Thompson's call, and that the acceptance of the invitation would make it necessary for Hetty to have new clothes.

"Then she can just send word that they can get some else to do their reading of the Declaration," said Laban, promptly. "I've no money to spend for folderols, and I doubt if I can spare the time to go to the celebration, anyhow. Like as not, we will all stay at home."

"The children and I are going, Laban."

Laban was out in the barn-yard putting a new handle into one of his axes when Emily had this conversation with him. He glanced up quickly, surprised at the new note in his wife's voice, and surprised that she should have come to a decision regarding anything without first consulting him. She had been his obedient subject so long that he resented this sudden assumption of independence.

"What!" he said. "You and the children are going to the celebration whether I say so or not?"

"We are going to the celebration, Laban. It is months since we went any place, and all of our neighbors are going to take time to go to the celebration. Why shouldn't we? Then Hetty has been asked to recite the Declaration. It is a real honor, and I want that she should enjoy it."

"I thought you said that she didn't have fit clothes to wear, according to your ideas about clothes?"

"She has not, Laban; but I intend to get her such things as she will need to make a good appearance."

Laban stared hard at his wife over the tops of his glasses. This second setting aside of his authority almost caused him to think that his wife was wandering in her mind.

"See here, Emily," he said severely, "I told you that I had no money to waste for duds, and I ain't. I don't intend to lay out any money for anything that ain't a real necessity, and this finery you and Hetty seem to have set your hearts on ain't in any way a necessity. Now that settles it."

He picked up his ax and walked toward the barn without giving Emily the opportunity of making any reply. She went back to the house in silence, unshaken in her resolution. The town was less than two miles distant, and when her husband had gone to work the next morning Emily and Hetty walked to the town and returned heavily laden with the many purchases they had made. Hetty was radiantly happy. Never before had she had such pretty things, and she had the love of dress that is the natural and lawful prerogative of nearly all young girls. Emily had bought herself a pretty new black and white lawn, and had ordered the first new bonnet she had had in five years. She made so many purchases that it was certain that neither she nor any of her children would go shabby to the celebration. She kept her sewing out of sight when Laban was around the house, but she and Hetty applied their needles so industriously, and kept Emily's sewing machine in such constant motion, that the new garments were all done on the day before the Fourth. Emily had been a dressmaker before her marriage, and Hetty was a "natural born" seamstress.

Emily made no further reference to the approaching celebration in the presence of Laban, and he did not doubt for a moment but that she had yielded her will to his and had given up all thought of going. He had stubbornly decided not to go, partly to rebuke his wife for her assumption of authority, and partly because the haying season had just begun, and he with his treadmill-like propensity to work without ceasing, did not want to "fool away any time" attending the celebration. As Emily said nothing about attending the celebration on the morning of the Fourth, and as Laban went off to a distant meadow to attend to the

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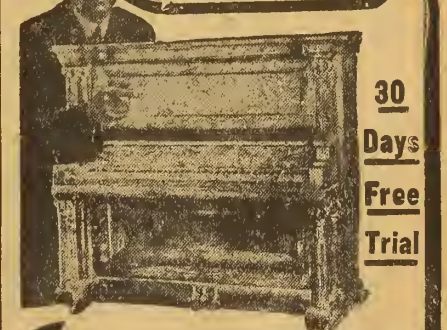
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Chapter III.

"THE balance due on this note of yours, Mr. Grenfil," said Caleb Vandine, referring to the note itself, "with accrued interest, is \$6,892.63. For—er—old acquaintance's sake I have eased the thing along from year to year. This is June 13th. Two months from today the balance and interest to that date must be paid in full. You understand?"

From the expression on Robert Grenfil, as he watched the note laid carefully away in the old wallet, which itself was transferred by Caleb to the open safe, it is probable that he did understand.

"You needn't be so stiff, Vandine," he growled. "You hold a mortgage on a quarter of my bark in the harbor, there, as security, and—"

"Ah, but I don't want the mortgage, and I do want the money," coolly interrupted Caleb, returning to his seat. Taking up the small scent bottle his nephew had noticed on the table, Caleb removed the glass stopper and inhaled the contents with evident relish.

"Well, I'll see," said Grenfil, gloomily, "but just now it's going to be mighty inconvenient to pull such a large sum out of my business all at once. What's that stuff, perfumery?"

Caleb blandly extended the little bottle. "It's a preparation I use for my asthma; take a good long sniff; it's good for you."

Mr. Grenfil obeyed to the letter. Then, with a short, sharp shriek he sprang to his feet with streaming eyes and hysteric symptoms.

"Con-found it!" he gasped, angrily; "do you want to take the top of my head off? That's a—a—mean, contemptible joke to play on a friend, Vandine."

"Poh! it won't hurt you; clear the cobwebs out of your brain," returned Caleb, hiding a grin by applying the bottle to his own nose. "Try another."

Mr. Grenfil, wiping his eyes and choking down his wrath, declined with emphatic profanity. Then he glanced from the window.

"There goes that nephew of yours—on his way to the wharf this time," he said, with a scowl. "Yesterday I saw him starting off with a gun on his shoulder. Come down here to sponge a living out of you, eh? Expects to be remembered in your will, I suppose."

"You'd better ask him," was the dry response. "How soon does the bark get off?" he asked, as Mr. Grenfil, with an inarticulate growl, took his hat from the table and turned to go.

"In a fortnight, I hope."

"Same cruise as before?"

"Yes."

Caleb Vandine shrugged his shoulders, but offered no comment. It was nothing to him, he said, if Grenfil's bark was engaged in an unlawful and nefarious business. He had a bond to indemnify himself against risk in this direction, and the quarter held by him as security for money loaned was kept well insured.

"I wonder what that old skinflint would say if he knew that every dollar I'm worth in the world, so to speak, was in my vessel, yonder," muttered Grenfil, grimly, as he left the house.

For truth to tell, Robert Grenfil had managed to keep his affairs to himself so well that no one, not even Mrs. Keyner, remotely suspected how closely he was sailing to the wind. Speculation and depreciation in shipping interests had brought it all about. If the contemplated voyage of the Juno was as successful as the previous one had been, he would be set on his feet again—for a time, at least. If not, why, he was ruined, that would be all.

While Mr. Grenfil was thus pursuing this gloomy train of thought, Jack Vandine was more agreeably employed.

Despite Mr. Grenfil's insinuation, Jack was not eating the bread of idleness under his father's roof. Never had the family larder been so well filled. One day Jack would bring in half a dozen partridges he had shot in the spruces with his uncle's old fowling piece; the next it would be fish, caught down the harbor from a little cat-rigged boat Caleb had taken for a debt. And with this last object in view, Jack was slowly unfurling the boat's sails,

wondering within himself whether by the day following he should not be warranted in calling to inquire after Miss Morier's well being.

"Say, Mr. Vandine, lemme go?"

"Yes; jump in."

The questioner was Bobby Roff, a small, amphibious boy of the class generally met on the wharves of a seaboard town, generally in connection with a fish-line. Bobby was not only wise in nautical matters, but knew, also, when to talk and when to keep silent.

And so, very shortly, the cat-boat gathering headway, shot past the end of the wharf and by the anchored vessels in the harbor. Perhaps it was the sight of the yacht, Fearnought, rising and falling at her moorings, which gave Bobby an opportunity to break a somewhat lengthy silence.

"Ever see that Miss Morier you fit the robbers' count of, rowin' a boat?"

No, Jack never had.

"She can just pull that little gig what b'longs to her yacht, now, you bet," said Bobby, enthusiastically.

"When have you seen Miss Morier rowing, Bobby?" asked Jack, with simulated carelessness.

"Most every day sense she's been here; jest after dinner she started away from the wharf!"

A PRAYER

By Neil D. Boilon

Give me more faith to follow on
In paths the saints have trod;
Oh shelter me from sin and shame,
Most kind and gentle God.

And give me faith to sacrifice
My very all to Thee;
Lead me, Father, in the ways
I cannot clearly see.

Sometimes the way seems very dim,
And doubt dispells my sight;
'Tis then I raise my heart to Thee
For faith to guide me right.

Oh fill my heart with trust and peace,
And give me strength to bear
The cross I love to glory in,
Its heavy burdens share.

And when I lay me down in sleep
That never end doth know,
Oh rest my worn and weary soul
Where living waters flow.

said she was goin' 's far 's Shell Beach," continued the boy, pointing, with grimy finger, to the shore of one of the nearer islands.

"The lady will have a hard pull back," observed Jack; "the tide is half ebb now, and this westerly wind has sprung up since noon."

"Oh, she's good for it," confidently returned Bobby; "them white wris' of her'n is strong's a man's. You orter seen her make that boat hum, rowin' acrost the harbor."

Yet Jack was not easy in his mind. Not that there was the slightest danger, but a two-mile pull against wind and sea was no joke.

"Trim aft the sheet a little—so; that's good, Bobby," he said coolly, and headed the flying cat-boat in the direction of the indicated island.

Bobby asked no question. Possibly he had a dim suspicion of the truth. As I have said, Bobby was a wise boy in more ways than one. Miss Morier's adventure with the tramps, and her "rescue" by Caleb Vandine's handsome nephew, had been discussed at every tea-table in Barnmouth. And Bobby had listened to suggestive comments thereon till he had woven a small web of boyish romance therefrom.

"Guess that's Miss Morier's boat, now," he suddenly remarked.

Looking eagerly in the direction indicated, Jack saw in the distance a black speck hobbling up and down on the short, choppy sea, consequent upon the meeting of wind and tide.

"I suppose, Bobby, it would be nothing more than right to run over and take Miss Morier's

boat in tow; she won't get back to town before dark if we don't," said Jack, gravely.

Bobby grinned good naturedly, and said he guessed it would be the thing to do.

The sheet flattened still further aft, the little craft heeling down to her gunnel, swept swiftly on toward the still smaller row-boat.

"Pull in yer oars, Miss Morier; we're comin' 'longside," shouted Bobby, with the freedom of youth, as hearing the onrush of the plunging prow, the lady turned her head over her shoulder.

The order was obeyed, and the eat ranged skillfully alongside the skiff. Giving Bobby the tiller, Jack sprang forward, and extending his hand, assisted Miss Morier on board.

"You—again, Mr. Vandine?" she exclaimed. But Jack felt sure there was no displeasure in her tones.

"I—it was the merest accident; I couldn't help it," stammered Jack, as the lady seated herself to windward and nodded good naturedly to Bobby, on whose freckled face was a look of unmistakable and open-mouthed admiration.

Miss Morier smiled at the half admission, the truthfulness of which may be questioned.

"I think I must forgive you under the circumstances," she said, "for truth to tell, I was getting rather discouraged at my slow headway," and was hoping some boat, bound up, would come in sight.

"We were bound down the south channel," ingeniously observed Bobby; "but the minit I told Mr. Vandine you rowed over to Shell Beach sence the breeze sprung up, he—"

"Bobby!" said Jack, covered with confusion as with a garment, and Bobby subsided with a distant giggle.

But it is possible Miss Morier did not hear. With a heightened color, which was probably resultant from her recent labors at the oar, she removed her sailor hat, the open sleeve of her loose blouse displaying a tempting glance of a firm, rounded, white arm as she did so. The wanton wind toyed lovingly with the moist rings of soft, dusky hair—all her own—that strayed in becoming disorder about her white forehead.

Intoxicated with happiness, Jack sat for a few moments without speaking. She was so near him that the folds of her dress touched his knee; from time to time her warm breath fanned his cheek, for the boat was small and the accommodations limited.

"Them two is the handsumest couple ever I see together," pears though they was made fer one 'nother," thought Bobby, who hauled the tiller with skill, occasionally glancing back to see if the towing boat was all right.

Who shall say that Miss Morier did not have some conception of her companion's feelings? True, she boasted herself of being freer from romantic fancies than her sex in general, but Miss Morier was only a woman, after all.

Presently Jack broke the silence.

"Miss Morier," he said, rather abruptly, "I want to tell you, very briefly, the story of my life, up to the time when I first met you."

Miss Morier, whose heart was beating rather faster than its wont, inclined her head without speaking, and Jack began, keeping back only his suspicions of his uncle's unfair dealing, and the disposition he had made of his own earnings.

"All my later years I have thus drifted, half aimlessly, from one thing to another," he said, in concluding. "Partly because no one in the world cared enough for me to advise me differently, and partly for the reason that so many things came easy to me."

"I can understand," responded Miss Morier, whose eyes were steadfastly fixed on the distant horizon—not because of inattention, but from an intuition that another pair were bent upon her own.

"Now," said Jack, slowly, "everything is changed. There has come for me an object in life such as no man ever aspired to: It is one to work for, and to win, if so I can. Will you wish me success, Miss Morier?"

There was nothing in the simple question itself that should so deepen the color in Miss Morier's rounded cheek, or quicken the rise and fall of her bosom; unless, indeed, Miss Morier had read between the lines of Jack Vandine's story.

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"But wish me success, Miss Morier," persisted Jack, with that in his voice which brought him one swift, shy glance from beneath the long, curling lashes.

"I wish you success," was the low reply.

Now, Jack was no sentimental, love-lorn swain, but a strong, healthy young man, in whose veins the full tide of life was flowing. Yet for the moment he felt dizzy and faint, for he fancied that he had caught one brief glimpse of the woman's soul with its possibilities of passion shining from her eyes. Or was it merely the mirrored reflex of his own?

But Jack pulled himself together, and presently Miss Morier spoke with provoking and commonplace calmness:

"May I ask if you have any definite plan of action—business action, I mean—laid out?" she inquired.

"I have a friend who owns a small ranch in New Mexico," quietly returned Jack. "As he conducts it, there is much money in the business. He has offered me an interest at a figure so low that it comes within my possibilities. I have spent a season there with him. My uncle will, I think, advance me the sum I require."

Then, as by mutual consent, the conversation drifted to the commonplace, and there remained until under Bobby's skillful management the cat-boat arrived at the wharf.

The tide was at low ebb, leaving barely enough water to bring the boat alongside the slippery steps leading upward to terra firma. Jack helped the lady up, and watched her well on her homeward way, while Bobby furled the sail.

The tide being well out, the iron bark at the opposite side of the wharf lay with her keel embedded in mud and her rail on a level with the wharf. A new top-mast had been sent up, and the yards crossed. Four or five sailors, all foreigners, were setting up the rigging under the supervision of Captain Gerry, whose fertility of expletive was only equalled by his fluent profanity. Robert Grenfil was on the quarter-deck, dressed for conquest, even to the flower in his button-hole, as on the evening he had intended "speaking" to Miss Morier. For, unaware of the lady's absence, he had resolved to make a second attempt. Mr. Grenfil had three incentives to immediate action. His pecuniary embarrassment, his sister's encouragement, and last, but by no means least, an unbounded stock of self-assurance.

"If she was some flighty young girl," he had told Captain Gerry, who was deep in his confidences, "it might be different. But Miss Morier is old enough to know her own mind; she's never had any love affairs, as my sister says, and there's worse looking men than Robert Grenfil, if I do say it—eh, captain?"

This conversation had taken place on the bark's quarter-deck, on the afternoon of which I am writing. Mr. Grenfil had returned thither from Mrs. Martin's, after learning that Miss Morier was out rowing, and was there awaiting her return.

Captain Gerry had nodded a brief assent to Mr. Grenfil's boastful assertion. But just at that moment the cat-boat rounded to at the steps, and to Mr. Grenfil's inexpressible rage, Jack Vandine assisted Miss Morier therefrom.

Captain Gerry whistled softly under his breath.

"Look out that Jack, as you call 'im, don't git the weather guage entirely," he said,

oracularly, and then, descending to the main deck, took up his parable of profanity again.

That Robert Grenfil was in a towering rage goes without saying. Not that he really feared Jack as a rival. "Miss Morier isn't one to take up with any beggarly adventurer that comes along, because he happens to be good looking," he said, confidently, "for, luckily, she never was one of the sentimental, romantic sort."

But it maddened him to see Jack in her company; and then, too, judging others by his own standard, Grenfil reflected that Mr. Vandine's nephew might repeat to Miss Morier the unpleasant insinuations he had thrown out on board the Fearnought. And finally, who was this Jack, anyway, but a beggarly drift-about, probably trying to sponge some money out of his miserly uncle?

An excuse to vent his rage upon its object was what Mr. Grenfil wanted—a very slight one would serve his turn; and unconsciously Jack gave him one in returning his wrathful gaze by one of mild surprise.

"Who the devil are you staring at—you?" vociferated Grenfil.

"A gentleman, I thought, at first, by his dress, but I see my mistake," was the cool reply.

The retort was met by a volley of oaths and an epithet familiar to Grenfil's lips in his seafaring days—an epithet so vile that no man of self-respect will tamely submit to it.

One bound carried Jack on the quarter, as Grenfil perhaps had hoped. For a "bruiser" while in command of a vessel, Robert Grenfil was still noted for personal strength; in fact, was reckoned considerable of an athlete among the better class of sporting men.

"You curl!" wrathfully exclaimed Jack, whose fiery temper, usually kept in bounds, had for the moment got the mastery; "you shall pay dearly for that."

"Give it to 'im, Grenfil!" yelled Captain Gerry, rushing up the gangway ladder. "Spile 'is good looks; that's the way to serve 'im."

But this seemed easier said than done. Jack, skillfully parrying the sledge-hammer blow aimed at his face, had closed suddenly with his opponent, forcing him back to the taffrail. In vain Grenfil struggled and kicked and swore. Both his arms were pinioned in a grasp like that of a vice. Exerting all his strength in one tremendous effort, Jack raised his writhing antagonist fairly from his feet, and in another moment pitched him over the taffrail.

The splash which followed was due to three parts of water to one of soft mud. For the tide being out, upon the tenacious, dark ooze of the harbor bottom, was something like half a fathom of malodorous brine.

Captain Gerry blustered and swore; Mr. Grenfil shouted and raved; the sailors grinned, and Jack laughed.

"Bring up that boat and take me aboard!" roared Mr. Grenfil, who stood in mud to his knees, and water to his armpits.

"Can't do it, nohow," returned Bobby, purple to his ear-tips with suppressed mirth. "It b'longs to Miss Morier's yacht, an' you'll git it all daubed over with the flat's mud."

Finally, Mr. Grenfil was extricated from his predicament and the harbor bottom by Sam Bate, the clam digger, who muled the wrathful Grenfil in the sum of a dollar for services rendered.

Before nightfall, the story of the affair, with more or less exaggeration, was running like wild-fire through the village. Mrs. Martin related it, with various accretions collected in transit, at the tea-table. Mrs. Keyner groaned over it in public; Miss Morier, I regret to say, smiled over it in private; Mr. Caleb Vandine chuckled over it in his library.

"So you threw Bob Grenfil into the dock, eh, Jack?" said Caleb, rubbing his lean hands together. "Well, that's worth money, that is. Lord, how I'd like to have seen it!"

"He insulted me," shortly returned Jack, "or I shouldn't have done it."

"Well, I'm glad you did, very glad," cheerfully observed his uncle, "and I'll tell you why. I am a man that never forgets an injury. Years ago, before you, Jack, were born, Bob Grenfil did me one. He robbed me of the only woman I ever cared for, and not by fair means, either. And curse him, snarled Caleb, greatly to the astonishment of Jack, who had never seen his uncle so greatly moved, "he deceived her, then threw her aside like a soiled glove. I wish you'd broken his neck, Jack; no, I don't either, for he owes me nearly seven thousand dollars!"

But conscious that he was saying too much, Caleb checked himself suddenly and calmed his ebullition of wrath by a sniff at the bottle of smelling-salts.

"Uncle Caleb," said Jack, coming directly to the point, "have you decided to loan me, or arrange for me to get, the five thousand dollars I want?"

Mr. Vandine rubbed his chin and twisted himself nervously in his chair.

"What do you intend doing with such a large sum of money, eh?"

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Grandma Dorkins' Christmas

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"IS TOM comin' home this Chris'mas, Mis' Dorkins?" Homer Fox asked, as he delivered the pint of milk he brought daily to the little house at the upper end of Scarborough.

Old Mrs. Dorkins wiped her wet, soapy hands on her checked gingham apron, and got the blue pitcher from the shelf upon which it was setting.

"He ain't quite sure," she answered; "he wants to come, he says, but seems like something always happens at the very last minute to keep him."

"I see you're fixin' for him, anyhow. What's them—mince pies?"

"Oh, yes, I fix for him every year. I wouldn't like him to come an' not find everything ready. I don't give him up till I have to. Them's mince pies, an' these are dried-apple pies. Come here." She opened the pantry door and beckoned him in. "I don't s'pose you know what these are," she said, with a smile half deprecating, half sad, lifting a cloth from the bread board.

He peeped over her shoulder. "Gee whuts!" he cried, explosively. "You don't mean to say—I've got to have one o' them, Gran'ma Dorkins, sure's my name's Homer Fox! Horse ginger cakes, by cracky! The very kind you used to make when me an' Tom an' Susy went to school to Aunt Lidy Jackson!"

Grandma Dorkins laughed, and wrapped him up three of the big brown cakes cut into some semblance of a horse with her pie knife. "There's one for you, one for Susy, an' one for li'l Jeff. Tell Susy I sent 'em to remind her of old times. You an' she were sweethearts even when you used to scuffle with Tom for a piece of his ginger cake."

"Tom's doin' middin' well, ain't he, Gran'ma?" Homer asked, making a start to go, but holding onto the back door as he waited for her reply.

"Tom's doin' splendid," the old woman said, proudly. "He's way up in the railroad business now."

"It's near on ten years since he was home, ain't it?"

"Nine years this Christmas," she corrected him. "He's been intendin' to come for so long; but he's awfully busy. Tom is. With so much responsibility he can't hardly ever leave."

"Took his wife to Europe last year, didn't he?"

"Yes. They was gone three months. He wrote to me after they got back, an' said he thought for sure he was goin' to get up that year, but now he couldn't. I was real disappointed, for I'd been most certain I'd have him here last Christmas."

"It's likely he'll come this season," Homer remarked, by way of comfort.

"Don't you know, I'm sort o' positive he will," Grandma said, brightening. "I've been disappointed often enough before, but this time it's different—him not bein' home for so long—an' I wrote him I hadn't been well lately. My rheumatiz bothers me dreadful this winter. Puttin' it altogether, Homer, I'm bound Tom's comin' this time."

Homer hitched at his faded overalls, shut the door and then opened it a crack. He couldn't find a word to say.

Old Mrs. Dorkins laughed softly as she wiped off the kitchen table. "Don't you ever tell Homer; but I've baked horse ginger cakes every year for Tom's home-comin', an' then had to send 'em to the Orphan Asylum over at Wallingford. Now, this year I calculate Tom's goin' to eat 'em himself."

"It's only two days till Chris-mas," Homer said, slowly. "You ought to be hearin' from him, whether he's comin'." "I'm goin' to the post office. I'll see if there's a letter for you."

"No, Homer, don't," Grandma said, hastily. "I'd rather not have it till the last thing. You know, if he shouldn't be comin' I won't have anything to look forward to, an' if he is, my cakes an' pies are all baked. All I've got to do now is to shine the andirons over in the settin' room, an' put up some greens to make it seem Christmas. I wouldn't have the heart to finish, Homer, if I knew he wasn't comin'." She was still smiling, but tremulously.

"All right, Gran'ma," he said, with a great effect of cheeriness in his voice; "but I'm like you, I'm positive Tom's comin'."

"Yes, I'm most sure we'll see him this time; but if there's a letter, Homer, don't bring it. Peter Crump always brings it up to me as he goes home on Christmas eve."

Homer climbed into his clattering old spring wagon, and with the lines flapping loosely on the gray mare's back he let her take her own gait down the long street.

Arriving at the post office, he exchanged greetings with the few loungers gathered around the stove, sat down on a cracker box, chewed a broom straw, and gazed abstractedly at the dirty floor.

"Want your mail, Homer?" the postmaster inquired, when there came a lull in his duties. Homer got up from the cracker box to receive his copy of the Scarborough "Weekly Argus." He held it first in one hand, then in the other, hesitating. The last loungeer shuffled away from the fire and out the door, Homer roused to instant life.

"Say! Got any letters for Gran'ma Dorkins?" he demanded.

"One from Tom. Guess he ain't comin' this year, same as ever."

"Gee whuts!" Homer exclaimed—it was his nearest approach to swearing. "If Tom Dorkins don't come home this Chris-mas 'twon't be because Homer Fox ain't goin' to do his best to fetch him!"

"Tom's got to be a reg'lar high-flyer," observed the postmaster. "Has his private car an' all that sort o' thing!"

"To see that poor ol' soul havin' faith in his comin' year in an' year out, an' never showin' his hair nor hide o' himself!" Homer broke in, excitedly. "It's more'n flesh an' blood can stand. Gimme a pasteboard box, Peter Crump, one big enough to hold these." He unwrapped the cakes Grandma Dorkins had given him and laid them on the counter. "There! If Tom Dorkins has got a piece of a heart hid away anywhere them cakes'll make him own to it."

"He writes to her sometimes an' sends her money," Peter Crump said, as he brought an assortment of boxes.

"Huh! What's money to her when she wants him!" Homer said, with scorn, selecting a box and trying the cakes, to see if they would fit. "Lemme have pen an' ink an' a sheet o' paper."

He wasn't much of a scribe, and he sucked the top of the pen frequently as he wrestled with his problem. Finally it was done, and he held it off at arm's length, surveying it with pride. This is what he had written:

"Tom Dorkins, for nine years your mother has baked these cakes for your Christmas home-comin', because you liked them when you was a boy. Has she got to send them to the Wallingford Orphan Asylum this year, same as always, on account of your not thinking enough of her to come?" Homer Fox."

"If that don't bring Tom Dorkins, nothing will," he said, conviction in his voice.

His epistle was spread over the cakes, the lid tied on securely, stamped and addressed, while Peter Crump winked at so flagrant a violation of the parcels post regulations under his very nose.

On the morning of the day before Christmas, as the general manager of the Pocono and Westhaven railroad was leaving his private office, his eye was caught by a small package lying unopened upon his desk.

"Nearly forgot that thing again," he said. "It came last night, and I went home without it. Here, Phil," he called to his secretary, "open this package, and if it requires an answer, fix up the polite thing."

When he returned some hours later the package was still on his desk, apparently unopened. "I thought I told you to open this and see if it needed an answer!" he said, sharply.

"I did open it, Mr. Dorkins, but you are the proper person to answer it," the stenographer replied, in a curious tone.

Mr. Dorkins cut the string around the pasteboard box, a tinge of impatience in his manner. Lifting the lid, Homer's painstaking scrawl was exposed to view. He read it, a frown gathering on his brow. Over at his desk by the window the stenographer rustled his papers noisily, not daring to steal a look at his employer.

The general manager tossed the note aside

with a muttered imprecation and took up one of the big cakes. It more than covered the palm of his hand, and there was borne to his nostrils a spicy smell that brought with it memories of his youth. Little things he had not thought of in years suddenly crowded upon him. His life had been such a busy one, such a shoulder-to-shoulder, neck-and-neck race for place and power, he had had no time for anything else.

He sat very still, holding the big cake on his outstretched palm, and all the struggle and care and turmoil, all the pleasure of success and a knowledge of power fell away from him. Again he heard the hickory logs crackling on the hearth, the brass andirons gleaming like gold in the firelight. It was Christmas eve, and his stocking hung on a nail by the high, black mantel. He was a great boy of ten, large and strong for his age. "Mother's man," she called him. She—his mother—sat in the circle of light from the cheerful fire stringing raisins and popcorn on long threads to trim his baby sister's Christmas tree.

He knew what he would find in that stocking in the morning. A red-checked apple in the toe, and a paper of fat walnut meats and one of popcorn made into taffy by some process known only to his mother. There would be half a dozen sticks of pink-and-white striped mint candy, a ball of yarn covered with good stout sheepskin by his mother's own hands, and at the top of all such a brown, spicy-smelling, queer-looking horse ginger cake as he gazed down on now.

Presently Tom Dorkins stirred. "Phil," he said, in such a gentle voice that the young man started. It was so different from the curt, brisk tones to which he was accustomed. "Is your mother living?"

"Yes, Mr. Dorkins."

"Are you going to spend Christmas with her?"

"Yes, sir," he answered, slowly. He did not quite understand the drift of his chief's questioning.

"That's right," said Mr. Dorkins, heartily. "And I'm going to spend Christmas with mine, too; a thing I haven't done for nine years, boy. But I'll make it up to her tomorrow. Nine years to make up! Do you think I can do it?" He glanced hurriedly at his watch. "I can barely make connections if I'm to get there tonight. I won't have time to go home, Phil. Tell my wife not to be anxious; I've gone to my mother."

"I wish I had time to get something to take her," Tom Dorkins said, as he pushed the box of cakes into his desk and locked it. "I've always sent her a present."

"You're all she wants, Mr. Dorkins," Phil ventured to say. He was hardly more than a boy, and he had a deal of swallowing to do to rid himself of the lump in his throat.

Some spits of snow were falling as Christmas eve drew to a close, and the wind sighed dismally around the corners of the house.

Grandma Dorkins piled an extra log on the brass andirons, and the ruddy glow lit up the room with a festive air.

"I wish the wind didn't howl so about the place," she said, restlessly. "It seems that mournful, exactly as if it knew I've been hopin' against hope, an' Tom wasn't comin' this year, either."

She smoothed her black silk apron with nervous fingers as the up-train's whistle sounded.

"I'll soon know now," she whispered, feeling suddenly weak and old. If Tom shouldn't come! "I don't believe I'd ever get over it. That's what's been keepin' me up all through the fall, an' to be disappointed again—" She sat with wide, eager eyes on the door. "He'll come right in, for he knows I'm expectin' him."

Yes, he knew she was expecting him. As he came up the board walk he could see the firelight flickering on the wall, the wreath of Christmas green hanging against the window. His hand fumbled at the latch a minute, then he opened the door gently and went in.

"Tom got home last night, after all!" old Mrs. Dorkins cried, delightedly, as she reached Homer Fox the blue milk pitcher from the kitchen window on Christmas morning.

"Gee whuts! You don't say!" Homer exclaimed, stamping the snow from his rawhide boots. "I guess you're happy as birds in the springtime, Gran'ma Dorkins!"

Tom, hearing voices, came out from the sitting room, and finding Homer, went half way in the snow to meet him.

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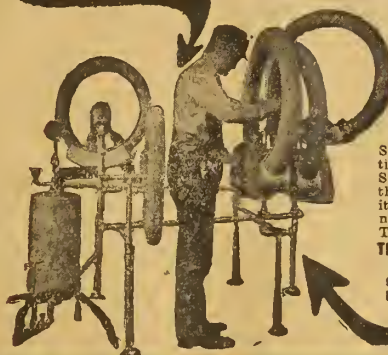
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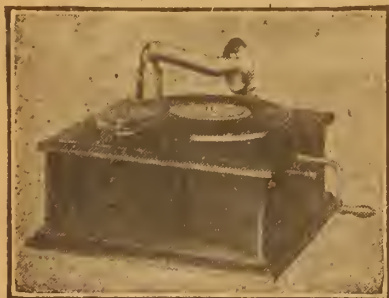
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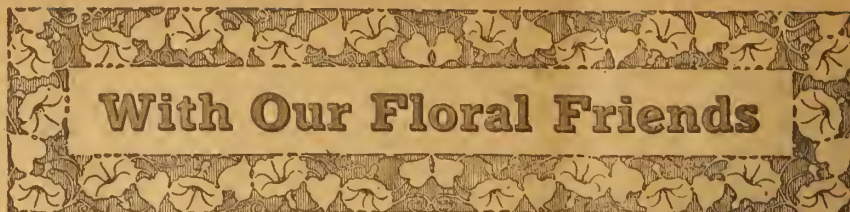
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Some say they would like so much to have flowers to brighten up things in winter, but that they are so much trouble. I will admit that they are some trouble, but do we get anything in this world without having to put ourselves to some trouble to procure it? Most of us spend enough time each day over trifling things to care for a whole windowful of plants. Notice how just a few growing plants of something will brighten up a room in winter. Then, too, the room with plants has a much more tidy and cheerful appearance than the one without. A flower has the same influence over me that a bright and cheerful face has. It makes no difference how disheartened one is, they cannot help but feel brighter and better after viewing a lot of growing plants.

If the room in which plants are to be kept is not entirely frost-proof in the coldest weather, one can easily improvise some protection. The hardy spring-flowering bulbs will give more satisfaction than anything else as window plants; but if unable to procure the bulbs, there are a great many of the annuals that can be taken up from the garden and will bloom well in the house. Most florists offer mixed packets of seeds for the window garden. Good-sized packets can be had for ten cents. Of course, the seeds require a great deal of attention, but with patience and care one can get lots of satisfaction out of one packet of mixed seeds.

Tulips are very bright and showy, but if I could only have one kind of the spring-flowering bulbs I would take hyacinths. After planting the bulbs, put the pots in a dark place to form roots. Four weeks is generally the length of time required to start them. Bring to the light and water as they need it, and give them all the sunlight they can get. Liquid fertilizer once a week will make much larger and brighter flowers. I use two teaspoonfuls of ammonia to one gallon of water. One can hardly make a failure with this bulb, unless too much water is given, causing them to rot. The flower stalk is formed in the bulb before either leaf or roots appear. I find that after they bloom, if kept from the direct sunlight the flowers will last much longer. They remain in bloom generally two weeks, one bulb sending up two and sometimes four flower stalks at a time.—Mrs. J. G. Holver, Pennsylvania.

PALMS IN THE HOUSE.

The culture of palms is not attempted very generally, because most persons have the idea that they are difficult to grow. This is not the case, if you study the requirements of the plant. Most palms require a deep pot or other vessel to grow in, if you would have the best of success with them, because their roots are more fond of going down than of spreading out. Some of the terra-cotta vases and jars would be admirable receptacles for them. But in using these vases, you must not neglect drainage. You can get some one to pick a hole through the bottom of your vase or jar with some sharp instru-

ment, without injuring it in the least. Then, before putting in the soil, fill the bottom of the vase to the depth of two or three inches with broken bricks. On top of this lay moss, or cocoa fiber, to prevent the soil from washing down and filling up the crevices between the brick. The best soil is one composed of well-rotted manure and rich loam, to which sharp sand enough has been added to keep it open and porous. Give thorough waterings. Palms will not do well unless their roots are kept from getting dry.

A palm, well grown, is a fine ornament for the parlor in any way you see fit to use it. It works as well in the center of a group, and is effective by itself in a corner. It is fine for use before large mirrors, or in the window. One merit of the palm is it will admit of use away from a strong, full light better than most plants will.

We would not advise putting them out into the ground in summer. They do not like to have their roots broken or bruised, and it is almost impossible to take them up in the fall and pot them without injury to the roots.

The leaves should be kept clean by showering, or by washing them with a sponge. The only insect giving trouble among palms is the scale bug. Soap and water, used thoroughly and often, will exterminate him.

When young plants of the palm, or any other kind, are received from the florist, the conditions under which they have been grown should be imitated as closely as possible. Keep them moist by frequent showering, and do not expose them at once to drafts, or to winds, as many do by putting newly arrived plants on the veranda. Keep them sheltered at first, gradually accustoming them to free circulation of air, and they will soon adapt themselves to their new circumstances.

These plants are no longer as expensive as formerly, and no collection is complete without at least one good palm. If you have not had any experience in growing them, we would not advise you to try more than two or three of them at first. Concentrate your labor on them, and see what fine plants you can make of them. A good plant is a standby, as the palms continue to improve for years before they get so large as to be unmanageable.

GROWING THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Chrysanthemum growing is my specialty. Indeed, I have been so successful in the growth of this superb flower, that I have frequently had blossoms as large as a half-gallon bucket, and the beautiful premiums that I have received each year at the chrysanthemum show, held annually for the benefit of our church, testify more plainly than words what I have accomplished. The following method, if carefully followed, will produce gorgeous blooms.

Start the small plants (either suckers from old roots, or rooted cuttings from the florist) in quart tin cans, the latter part of April or early in May, being careful to cut a few holes in the bottom of the

can, and also to put charcoal to the depth of half an inch in the bottom of the can; then fill the cans with a mixture of woods loam and well-rotted stable earth. Water well and keep from the sun for a week, allowing the dew to fall on them at night. Water freely. When pot bound, remove to a bed made rich with woods loam and stable manure. Spray daily.

When six inches tall, pinch back one inch. This will cause the plant to send outside branches. If large flowers are desired, do not allow more than four branches to the plant. Occasionally during the growing season give the plants a little liquid manure. As soon as the buds appear, water twice a week with liquid manure. Leave only one bud to a branch. —Mrs. Henry McCormick, Virginia.

THE CHINESE SACRED LILY.

The flower I have the most pleasure in growing at this season is the Chinese sacred lily. I take two good shaped bulbs, soak them over night in warm water, then I take off the outer brown skin, cut little slits at the top to help the shoots come out. Then I get a bowl about eight inches wide by four or five deep, place three or four small lumps of charcoal in, covering with about two inches of clean white sand or fine gravel. Next I firmly press the bottom end of the bulbs into the sand or gravel, and arrange pretty pebbles with a few shells around to hold the bulbs firmly in place. Finally I cover the whole of the pebbles with clean, warm water, allowing the larger part of the bulbs to project above the water.

Next I place the bowl in the warmest, sunniest place I can find, following the sun from window to window. At night I place the bowl near a radiator to keep the water from becoming chilled. In about four weeks I have them blooming, frequently finding one will be double and the other with single flowers.

The charcoal keeps the water sweet and perhaps stimulates the growth. The sun induces the blossom to push up quickly ahead of the leaf growth, for the leaf growth has a tendency to make the plant top heavy.

I find that bulbs bought through the mail from advertisers in magazines like The Household Journal are fully equal to those bought of Chinese laundries at much higher prices.—Henry Tadgell, Massachusetts.

SUCCESSFUL WITH GERANIUMS.

I have been most successful in growing geraniums. I take them in the house before cold weather and keep them in all winter. They are lovely and green and blooming. Then in summer I take them out of the pots and put them in the flower bed outdoors and then they bloom again.

I do not bring them right in at first. I pot them and let them stand outdoors about one week, so they get used to the pots.

I have a grand bay window filled with flowers, but the most are geraniums and all in full bloom—pink, white, red and a very dark red.—Miss Renie Krug, New York.

RUBBER PLANTS.

Rubber plants are especially satisfactory to grow where there is a good light without direct sunlight. Water often enough to keep the soil moist, but do not under any circumstances permit water to stand about the roots, nor allow it to become "bone dry." A potted plant set in a jardiniere needs especial care not to overwater.

Wash the foliage frequently with soapsuds made from good soap. Rinse thoroughly at once.

Repot occasionally as the pots become full of roots. Feed once in two to four weeks with dilute nitrate of soda (a heaping teaspoonful dissolved in water) or ammonia water or manure water as described for the palm or some prepared plant food.

A LOVER OF THE GLADIOLUS.

I must tell you about my gladiolus bed. My mother was very fond of them and had a bed for them in the yard. Since her death I have always had them, but last year they failed to come up. I thought the drought of the year before had injured the bulbs. Last spring in some of our floral papers they advertised collections of bulbs. I procured some from two different firms, and put them in the garden, and in due time they began to show their beauty. The first one was an American, that queen of flowers, most beautiful. One single blossom measured four and one-half inches across. Of my collection there was not one common variety. They were very beautiful, some of the longest spikes I ever saw, the richest red, some of them blotched, and various shades of pink, with one white one. They have given me great satisfaction.

I think one gets more out of them than any other flower, and they require the least care. I am more than satisfied with them, and hope for a larger bed next year.—Mrs. Mary A. Small, New York.

FERN SPORES.

These are produced upon the under side of the fronds, in most of the ferns. They are ripe when they begin to drop, and may then be sown over moist ground in a damp, shady place. Never let the soil dry out. The tiny plants will appear in several weeks, and can be potted when large enough.

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Propagating Roses—(See reply to Mrs. A. G. H., New York, this issue.)

Flowering Begonias—The flowering Begonia which seems to have outgrown the space you have for it can easily be reduced in size by simply cutting it back in any way desired. Some of the soil might be taken off of the ball of earth and repotted in a little smaller pot. You need have no more fear of cutting the Begonia back than cutting a hedge plant.

Coleus In Winter—Mrs. M. C. Anderson, Tennessee—Coleus grow as easily as a weed, and if given a fairly light soil and a fairly warm temperature it will make a beautiful pot plant through the winter. There are many fancy varieties or large leaved varieties which make beautiful foliage plants. They are of rich colorings, and there are few things better for the winter garden.

Wintering Plants—Mrs. H. Koebbe, Wisconsin—The Hydrangea paniculata is perfectly hardy in all sections of the country, and will not require protection. The Canas, however, should be taken up—allowing some of the soil to remain on the roots. Place them in a box in a single layer and store away in the cellar where they will be kept from freezing. They will not require any watering through the winter and will keep in good condition, if not frosted. In the spring clean off the roots and plant the full clump, or it can easily be divided by simply cutting with the knife—leaving at least two shoots or more to each division.

Rooted California Privet—Richard Shea, Rhode Island—California Privet or hedge plant roots extremely easy. The cuttings should be made from six to twelve inches long, and can be tied in bundles and buried out of doors in the winter. In the spring they can be stuck in rows two to six inches apart, and rows two to three feet apart, and if kept well cultivated will grow as easily as the willow. This is the least expensive way of handling this hedge plant. Sometimes small cuttings are made, and after being buried over winter are planted in rich, mellow soil in the spring, close together, with the rows only eight inches or so apart; or in other words as close together as possible and still allow of cultivation.

Shasta Daisies—J. B. Vinders, Ohio—The easiest way to care for the Shasta Daisies, and really the best way to handle them, would be to set the plants right out in the ground. This can be done any time through the fall and up until the ground freezes. If set where they are to remain permanently it would give them some advantage in growth for next spring. They are perfectly hardy and require no protection, other than that of shedding the water in some way, which should be given all hardy plants. Spring and summer is the better time for sowing seed of the Coreopsis and Gaillardia. It can then be sown right in the ground, and thinned out in the late summer will make fine plants for fall and excellent flowering plants for the next spring.

White Scale On Impatiens—Mrs. Annie McCartney, Texas—Your complaint is not an uncommon one from growers of this plant. Your report makes it very easy to diagnose the trouble, especially as you say the scale affects the Coleus plants. The plants are infested with a small insect known to florists as the mealy bug, and it is one of the most troublesome to get rid of of anything the florists have to deal with. A very effective remedy for treatment in greenhouses is fumigating with cyanide potassium, but this is not a practical treatment in the home, as the fumes of cyanide potassium are very dangerous. If only a few plants are to be treated, I would suggest wood alcohol applied with a feather. It will kill the insects instantly. Invert the plant and dip it into a solution of kerosene emulsion is also recommended, but is not always effective.

Propagating Roses—Mrs. A. G. Hoffman, New York—It is not a difficult matter to have success in propagating Roses, but the fact that certain conditions are necessary, and which are difficult to obtain outside of the greenhouse, makes the work more or less tedious and troublesome. In the first place the plant from which the cuttings are to be taken must give you the wood of just the proper ripeness. The best cuttings can probably be had from plants grown in pots, and from good, vigorous plants the cuttings might be taken in early summer. Make the cutting or cuttings from

flowering stems; just before the flower opens or just when it begins to show color. Plant the cuttings in pots, flats or boxes of clean sand and cover with a pane of glass. The sand should be kept wet and the cutting box shaded. Allow for enough air to absorb the extra moisture, and the cutting should root in about four weeks. After being well rooted, plant in small pots and keep shaded for several days until the young plants become established in the soil. The same method of propagation can be followed in the fall, and the chances are with greater success, but the cuttings should remain in the sand a much longer time. Cuttings taken in November and December could be taken from the boxes in February or March, and should make nice young plants for setting out of doors in early May or June.

Foliage Plants for Stone Vase—Miss Carrie M. Bozl, Illinois—We believe you would get the best and desired effect in a plant for the large stone vase by using one of the many attractive Evergreens, or a nice plant of the Boxwood. You can secure in the Boxwood plants any shape desired, pyramidal, globular, or trimmed and grown in fancy forms, representing animals, etc. In the Evergreens you can get the pyramidal or globular shape, and are even of irregular growth. The Arbor Vitae have beautiful deep green foliage and are easily grown. The Boxwood grow easily, but the plants are a trifle more expensive. If you will consult any one of the catalogues of the larger nursery firms of the country, you can get further information as to size of plants and the prices.

Rooting Oleanders—Mollie G. Patison, New York—Oleanders root very easily from cuttings stuck in the sand, or from young cuttings placed in a bottle of water and kept in the sun. Take the cuttings just before the growing season and if kept in moist sand or in water, they will root very quickly.

"Pompon Chrysanthemums"—Josephine F. Kieser, New York—For the best results Chrysanthemums should be flowered under glass, and they require the greatest care through the growing season. For this reason the Japanese varieties are not entirely satisfactory out doors, and the Pompons are generally chosen by those who can give comparatively little care to the plants, and would prefer to have many small flowers rather than a few large specimens. However, it is possible to grow plants out of doors which will give flowers five or six inches across, but of course it requires staking, dis-hudding and constant care to secure the best results. For general outdoor culture where no particular care is given the plants the Pompons are most satisfactory. They have been more or less neglected since the rise of the large-flowered varieties, but the Pompons are becoming popular again because they are so different from other flowers we have. Their vivid colors are so strong and commanding that it gives them a place by themselves. It is not uncommon for the plants to be in full flower at the time of the first fall of snow, in fact they seem to bloom after the frost has cut down everything else. They are best for mass effects and the peculiar combinations of color they give make them particularly striking. You will not be troubled with the varieties mixing in permanent plantings, and if you will cut the tops after the season's growth, and cover the plants well, it is all they will need.

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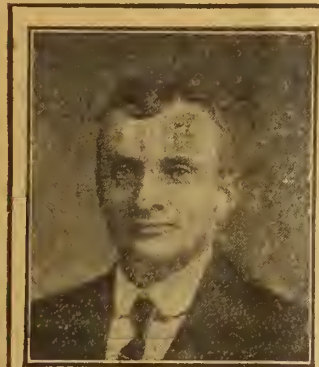
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Send for complete information **free** today. Learn all about this remarkable new invention that is exciting housewives and making agents rich. Learn for yourself. Earn for yourself.



Learn how R. W. Kirshner, of Nebraska, made \$6 the first hour and a half. Eugene Clement, of New York, made \$7 his first hour and a half. Wm. C. Fox, of Oklahoma, made \$14 first evening in two hours—wired big order for rush shipment. He is only 14 years old, goes to school and works in spare time evenings and Saturdays.

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No waiting or guessing. The price of only a \$1.50 makes a sale at every house—**cash business at 200% profit to you.** Just follow instructions. Failure impossible. **Success assured.** I want agents, general agents, salesmen, managers. Send your application today. This money is waiting for workers. Put some of it in your own bank. I want 200 additional men and women at once. It is for you to decide. Do you or do you not want this position—this money?

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The work of this invention is almost unbelievable—yet true. Listen to the words of Mrs. Thomas Jenkins: "I have been washing clothes for twenty-five years. I have owned all sorts of washers. I now have in my house a costly washer which I have put aside and **never use since buying the Wendell Washer.** The first day I used the Wendell I washed **six tubs of clothes in just thirty-three minutes.** One tub consisted of greasy aprons, and other colored clothes, among which was a wool dress skirt. These I examined at the end of five minutes, and to my surprise found them to be perfectly clean. Two tubs were of blankets, and I worked on each tub only three minutes." **There is not a power family machine that will do this amount of work in three times thirty-three minutes.**

\$60 A WEEK AND THIS FREE AUTOMOBILE



I Want to Pay This Big Salary to YOU!

I want square men and women to act as my Special Sales Representatives in every county. I want hustling, energetic, ambitious persons, anxious to make big money, who are willing to work with me. I want to show YOU how to MAKE \$300 PROFIT AND EXPENSES EVERY MONTH. I want to show YOU how to make more money easier, quicker, more sure and certain than you ever did before in all your life. I want you to advertise, sell, and appoint local agents for the most sensational seller in 50 years—the startling invention that has set the entire country agog—

The Robinson Folding Bath Tub

Here's an absolutely new invention. Nothing else like it. Has taken the entire country by storm. Solves the bathing problem. Gives every home a modern, up-to-date bathroom in any part of the house. No plumbing, no waterworks needed. Take full length baths in any room, up stairs, down stairs, bedroom, sick room, parlor, kitchen, any room in the house. The Robinson Tub folds in a small roll, handy as an umbrella. Rivals

expensive bathroom. Constructed of the wonderful "Steelene" material. I tell you it's GREAT! Remember it is needed in every home. Means modern bathing facilities for all the people. A godsend to humanity.

SENSATIONAL SALES SUCCESS!

What others are doing YOU can do. Read these records: N. T. Smith, Ohio, \$90 weekly profit. Meyers, Wisc., \$250 first month. Beasley, Nebr., \$35 profit first 4 hours. Newton, Calif., \$60 in 3 days. Mathias, Florida, \$120 in 2 days. Corrigan, N. Y., \$114 in 60 hours. C. H. Tremor, Ind., \$35 profit first 6 hours. W. F. Hincard, New Mexico, \$35 in 2 days. Average men, average sales, average towns. Undeniable Proof of the Big Money to be made by hustlers everywhere. The Robinson Tub is badly wanted and eagerly bought.

I want you to handle your County, I'll furnish demonstrating tub on a liberal basis. I'm positive, yes, I'm absolutely certain that you can make bigger money in a week with me than you ever made in a month before. Hustlers, east, west, north, south, are simply coining money. Orders, orders, everywhere. For remember, fully 70 per cent. of the people have no bathrooms. You can take the orders right and left. Quick sales and immense profits. 2 sales a day means \$300 a month profit. Stop and realize the tremendous possibilities. Look around you. Be amazed. Your neighbors, friends, relatives, have no bathrooms. They are eager for one; never had the opportunity to install one. You step in; show the tub. Sales made, profit sure.

No Experience Needed

Why, I don't care if you never sold anything before in all your life, you can make good big money with me. You're honest? You're square? Of course you are. You've got grit, ginger, gumption? Of course you have. You want to make good? You want to make big money? Sure you do. Well, that's all I ask. If you are willing to do your best, backed by my co-operation and help, you can blast out the biggest financial success of your career. I grant credit, you know, so money can't hold you back. I furnish sample on liberal plan. I help you out and back you up. So don't let doubt drag you back. You have nothing to lose. My other men are building homes, starting bank accounts. So can you!

CUSTOMERS' WORDS OF PRAISE

See how pleased these people are: "Delighted with Tub; will recommend it." Mrs. Jennie Hall, Miss. "Bath Tub O. K. Just right size." Wm. Benz, Ohio. "Our Tub has been in daily use. Fine." Mrs. J. E. Randall, N. Y. "Have been using your Tub. Could not do without it." Mrs. G. C. Moncy, Iowa. "Robinson Tub first class." Chas. A. Massie, Wash. "Tub arrived. Children and all delighted." C. R. Loucks, La. "We all took a bath. It sure is a daisy." O. L. Morris, Ore. "After testing your Tub can say it is surely a wonder and gives entire satisfaction." O. P. Morgan, Ohio.

Empties Itself

Remember this: The Robinson Folding Bath Tub, equipped with our patented Outlet Emptying Device makes the tub positively self-emptying. How convenient and handy this is. After the bath no fuss and bother, emptying the tub. By the time you're dressed the tub is emptied ready to lay away. All the conveniences of a modern, up-to-date bathroom, and yet the Folding Tub does not take up space or be in the way when not in use. No special room need be set aside as a bathroom unless desired. Any room can be made into a bathroom in 5 minutes time. Is it any wonder users are delighted and agents are enthusiastic? The Robinson Folding Bath Tub demonstrates its value immediately upon emptying. It is the ideal bathing equipment for every home, city, country or town, for camping, etc., as well as the one desirable tub for the sick-room, bedroom, parlor, living room or kitchen, any room can be made into a bathroom in a jiffy. All this without plumbing, waterworks or extra expense. After the initial cost there are no further expenses to pay. Every home, everywhere is just waiting for the Robinson Folding Tub.



Guaranteed for Ten Years! Non-Leakable

Every Robinson Folding Bath Tub that leaves our factory is guaranteed for 10 years against any defect in manufacture. This is due to the remarkable invention "Steelene," the material used in the construction of the Robinson Folding Bath Tub. Constructed with this material the tub can be, and is, guaranteed for 10 years. Should it prove defective a new tub is immediately furnished in its place. This guarantee protects every customer for a period of 10 years. Steelene makes the tub soft and pliable, yet strong and lasting. The tub cannot spill, tip nor splash. Just as strong and durable in use as the ordinary enameled tub, but in convenience so far superior. In buying the Robinson Tub, customers take absolutely no risk. They are guaranteed against defects by our liberal, binding guarantee. Families everywhere boast the Robinson Tub to their friends which makes the sales come fast and sure for our representatives. Surely the ideal bathing equipment without one objectionable feature.

JOIN ROBINSON'S MULTITUDE OF MONEY-MAKING AGENTS

Yes join the many hustlers who are making bigger money than they ever did before. You don't need to quit your regular job right now. Try the business out evenings, Saturday afternoons, whenever you have a little spare time. See that all I tell you is so. Then quit your job. Say good-bye to the time-clock; say good-bye to grinding work and meagre pay. Bid your pay-check pals farewell forever. Just for a change you be the Boss. You can do it. I know after one week of spare time effort you will be eager to devote all your time to the sale of the Robinson Folding Bath Tub. You will be enthused, positively amazed. You will say: "My luck was surely with me when I got acquainted with Robinson."

A SURE CHANCE FOR AMBITIOUS HUSTLERS

I wish that I might call a meeting of all ambitious men and women in America that I might talk to them and tell them of the tremendous possibilities in this business; show them the sales my other representatives are making; convince them beyond the possibility of a doubt that here at last is the chance they have been waiting for; the "Opportunity" that is said to knock at every man's door once. If I could only look you squarely in the eye and tell you all the facts about this wonderful business; if I could only lay before you undeniable proof—stacks of letters and orders on my desk; if I could show you enthusiastic letters from Robinson Representatives—Hesitate? Why, man you wouldn't hesitate for the thousandth part of a second. You would drop everything, your job, your other business, like a "hot potato," and say "Robinson, I'm with you."

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H. S. ROBINSON, President

The Robinson Cabinet Mfg. Co. 1338 Factories Bldg.
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LET ME TELL YOU ALL

I want to tell you the entire story. Then you can decide whether or not you appreciate the immense possibilities of the business I want you to start in. You will read of hundreds of men in your position who were at first skeptical, then curious, then enthusiastic, who are making bigger money today than they ever thought possible in their most rosy day dreams. I will tell you how one ambitious person in each community can connect with "Opportunity," get a strangle-hold on success; know the blessed stimulus of financial independence. "You will then realize, know, and appreciate the fact that honesty and ambition combined with the right proposition and backed by conscientious effort are the only requisites to an abundant success."

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PROOF! PROOF! OVERWHELMING AND UNDENIABLE PROOF!

If you have any doubt as to the selling possibilities of the Robinson Folding Bath Tub, just read this array of evidence. We dare you to read the letters on this page and still be unconvinced. We will furnish you with the addresses of any of these people upon request. We do not put the address in the page, as we do not want them bothered by answering letters from curiosity seekers, but if you want to write any of them, we will be pleased to give you their address.

If hundreds of men and women throughout the United States can sell these Tubs with such success, you can do the same. When hundreds and thousands of people in all parts of the country recommend them, you can afford to use and sell them. I have before me the correspondence of Rev. Otto Schulze, of Missouri, one of our live-wire agents who is starting on his second year with us. His orders run like this right along: \$6.50; \$63.25; \$78.75; \$82.25; \$63.25; \$486.00; etc. And here's another of our up-to-the-minute agents, Pen-darvis of Mont. His orders run as follows: \$10.00; \$270.50; \$250.50; \$14.10; \$108.00; and he is also starting his second year with us, which goes to show that the Robinson Folding Bath Tub is a proposition with which you can build up a permanent business.

Read the Evidence I Give Below and Be Convinced.

Gentlemen:—The circular offering an Over-land car to agents selling 500 tubs received this morning, and I am going after that car, as I have been handicapped now because I haven't any means of getting around the country. I could sell many more tubs if I had transportation. I sold eight tubs in one afternoon. That is my biggest day's work. I have a dozen orders on hand now besides the dozen order I just sent you.

The tubs are a wonder all right, and everybody is satisfied with them. So far I haven't one dissatisfied customer. Yours truly,
Ned Bolles, Idaho.

Gentlemen:—Started to canvas yesterday at 10 o'clock and today at 12 o'clock have written up eight tub orders, and expect to write up more this afternoon.

Yours very truly,

A. E. Ericson, So. Dakota.

Dear Sirs:—I have been working two half days and have sold eight tubs. I am going out again today.

Yours truly,

E. C. Harbeck, Nebraska.

Dear Sirs:—Your Bath Tub arrived O. K. We are very much pleased with it. Sold three this afternoon. Very truly yours,

Dan Burkholder, Montana.

Gentlemen:—I wired you today in regard to sending tubs by express instead of freight. The order book only contained 14 blanks and I sold that many in three afternoons, and am waiting now for more. I am going to put a tub of each kind in a show window in Delano and fill them with water for an advertisement, and Mr. Hammen, Manager of Roachdale Store, is going to book orders for me there on a commission basis, and I am going to do the hustling in the country, and this way we ought to sell a good many. It is going to take too long to get the first order here by freight and express charges are fierce this far west.

This is the best selling proposition I have ever seen. Soon as the tubs arrive here I will wire you another order for 12 or 24 more. I could have taken many more orders by this time had I an order book. I wish you would reserve me as much territory around here as you can.

Yours truly,

(Signed) F. J. Coddington, California.

Dear Sirs:—Those who have ordered the tubs like them fine. I expect to send you many future orders for same. This is my second dozen ordered. Yours very truly,

(Signed) F. H. Nicholson, Kansas.

I sold ten tubs in three days last week.

H. M. Velzy, North Dakota.

I hope you will get all the business you can handle, and I am sure you will, as your offer to agents being so liberal. I think your automobile offer is a very liberal one. If you don't have a lot of Robinson autos running over the country in the next six months, I will miss my guess.

Thanking you for your splendid offer to me, I remain,

L. C. Canfield, Utah.

I just received the bath tub in fine shape. I can say I am well pleased with it—rather better than I expected, and I think it will sell.

W. A. McMahon, Iowa.

Dear Sirs:—I received the bath tub and will say that it is just as good as you said it was. I am real proud of it. It is a splendid attempt to duplicate the plumbers' bath tub with only a little cost, and I know there are thousands of people who have none in their homes, will be delighted with it. I have used it myself twice since I got it to try it out, and the baby had a fine time in it, too. She played all around in the water. I have showed it to other people in the house and they simply wondered.

John Cunningham, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—I managed to find seven sales in the first three days. Yours truly,

A. M. Hartman, Kansas.

Gentlemen:—We received the sample tub O. K. and sold four of them so far in our spare time in the evening, with good prospects to sell a good many more when we get to work on the job right. Every one that has seen the tub so far thinks it is all right and has a good word for it. Yours very truly,

H. C. Melber, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:—I received your letter dated July 3rd, also sample tub that you sent me by express. I started out Wednesday morning for the first time. Talk of success: Between Wednesday and Saturday of this week I took eleven orders. By Saturday the others came, and I made prompt delivery. I see success before me and I am greatly pleased.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Gloeckler, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:—I have worked five days and sold nine tubs. I am well pleased so far.

Yours truly,

R. N. Diaz, California.

Gentlemen:—I am sending you an order for eight tubs today, the result of about seven days' canvassing. Yours truly,

S. E. Graham, Kansas.

Gentlemen:—I would not take double what my tub cost me if I could not get another. Would not like to do without until I could get another here. Yours respectfully,

Mrs. G. A. Dover, Wyoming.

Dear Sirs:—I got eleven orders in two and one-half days.

A. R. Engle, Montana.

Gentlemen:—Please find enclosed my order for 12 tubs. I am doing a good business. Have only worked two days, making seven sales.

Yours truly,

A. R. Engle, Montana.

Dear Sirs:—I have already sold a dozen tubs and haven't given over two days' work to it. I am looking toward the general agency.

A. H. Anderson, Utah.

Gentlemen:—Received the shipment of one-half dozen bath tubs. I was giving it a trial yesterday afternoon. I delivered four and took order for one. It surely looks good to me.

Yours truly,

A. H. Anderson, Utah.

Gentlemen:—I have 14 orders nearly as soon as the tubs get here, and will have the 25 sold before they get here. I am surprised the way the tubs take with the people.

Yours truly,

R. W. Radford, Kansas.

Gentlemen:—I received my Folding Bath Tub in good condition, and think that I am going to have a pretty good success in selling them here in this town. The more I think about the tub the more confidence I have in it and your company.

Yours truly,

Cody Frank Peebles, California.

Gentlemen:—I received your shipment of seven tubs about noon today, and by six o'clock I had sold all but my sample, and had several prospective buyers in sight besides. I am satisfied that your stories of agents making big money are true in every respect. Every one seems delighted with the tubs from the start. They just seem to sell themselves.

Yours truly,

John A. Hembd, S. Dakota.

Gentlemen:—I have received tub and will say I am well pleased with same. Have canvassed two and one-half days and taken six orders and have several good prospects in view.

Yours truly,

H. I. Green, Nebraska.

Dear Sirs:—If I could not get another tub, \$20.00 would not buy mine, for it is the best piece of furniture I have got, and I thank you very much for the information you have sent me to make sales of your goods.

Yours very truly,

C. J. Anderson, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:—I was out two and half days last week and sold three tubs. Yours truly,

J. F. Hollis, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—We just love our tub, which we purchased last year. Yours very truly,

Mrs. Jas. Flint, Indiana.

Dear Sirs:—I received my thirteen tubs all O. K. Delivered them yesterday. The customers were all well pleased with their tubs.

W. B. Mays, Illinois.

Gentlemen:—I got the tub all right and have taken orders for three. Think they will sell all right.

Yours truly,

R. H. Bird, N. Dakota.

Gentlemen:—After receiving my tub from you last summer, I have been doubly pleased with it. 'Tis exactly as represented and I have enjoyed it immensely. Yours truly,

Miss Prudence T. Belvin, N. Carolina.

Dear Sirs:—Must say that I am very much pleased with your folding bath. The rubber is as good as when I bought it of you last spring. My wife thinks it is one of the handiest utensils in the house.

C. J. Hohenstein, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:—I received the goods O. K. and have sold two tubs already. Have some to deliver and expect to send in another order soon.

I want to say that I never had any dealings with a firm that treats a person any fairer than the Robinson Mfg. Co., and I certainly appreciate the fact to know I am connected with your firm.

I remain,

C. S. Tobias, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:—The tub has been received/and tested by me. Mr. Robinson, I think the tub is a household necessity. One day's work, four calls and three sales.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Joe Allsop, Idaho.

I received my sample tub all O. K. and I was out one-half day and sold two tubs.

F. J. Shindler, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:—About four weeks ago I ordered seven tubs as a starter and in four days I sold five of those and have taken orders for several more since then. Yours truly,

S. E. Hining, Iowa.

Dear Sirs:—I am satisfied I can get the orders. Was out one afternoon about an hour and got two orders. So far as I can see the tub is a winner.

Respectfully,

J. L. von Felden, Minnesota.

Dear Sirs:—I was out yesterday and I got an order for three tubs. Business looks promising. I think I will be able to send in an order for a dozen each week. Yours truly,

A. Black, Missouri.

Dear Sirs:—I will drop you a few lines to let you know I received my order of goods all O. K. As soon as the weather gets a little warmer I will just be flooded with orders. I delivered one tub today. Everybody thinks the tubs are O. K. There are at least 40 people in Bloomville who want a tub, after house-cleaning. These sales without even demonstrating, the orders will be rushing next month.

We take our tub in a warm room and each and every one has a fine bath. My wife says she doesn't see how she ever got along without a bath tub with the children.

Yours for business,

Fred Laux, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:—I am writing you in regard to the six bath tubs I ordered. I am using one and am well pleased with it. We have the bath-room and east-iron tub, but in cold weather I prefer taking a bath in the folding bath-tub rather than the east-iron, and in warm weather I would not discriminate. So I intend to dispose of the iron tub and use the Robinson Steeline tub entirely. I remain,

E. A. Britzias, Minnesota.

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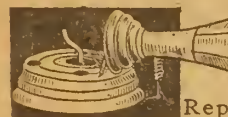
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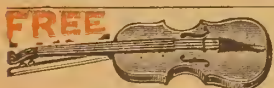
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Popcorn is now in season, and you may like to try the following recipe: Put into a sauce pan one teaspoonful of butter, three tablespoonfuls of water, and one cupful of granulated sugar. Boil until it is ready to candy, and then throw in three quarts of nicely popped corn. Stir it vigorously until the sugar is evenly distributed over the corn. Take it off the fire and continue to stir until it cools a little. Each kernel of corn should be separate and coated with sugar. It must have your undivided attention from first to last to insure success, as it will scorch easily. Almonds, English walnuts, peanuts, etc., are delicious prepared in the same way.

APPLE PIES.

Take nice, tart apples, pare, cut in quarters, line the tin with a rich paste, sprinkle a little flour in the bottom; on this put sugar sufficient to sweeten the pie, and on this place the apples. Bake in a moderate oven. When the upper crust is a delicate brown, cover with another pie tin; this prevents the pie from getting too brown, and by keeping in the steam the apples cook so nicely. Putting flour and sugar in the bottom of the crust prevents the juice from running out of all kinds of pies, if the oven is in right order. Having the oven too cold when the pies are put in, and heating up after, will cause the juice to run out. Setting a cold pie in the oven a few minutes before serving makes it almost as nice as a freshly baked pie.

THE TABLE-LINEN HEM.

Lay the hems as for the ordinary hemming stitch and baste to position. Fold the hem back onto the right side of the napkin so as to form a crease that is just even with the first turn of the hem. Sew the first turn of the hem and the crease in the napkin together with the overhand stitch.

In making the overhand stitch one may work either from right to left or from left to right. To fasten the thread at the beginning of the work, leave an end about one-half inch long and take the first stitches over the end of the thread. The needle is brought through the work from the back and is pointed directly toward the worker. Do not pull the thread too tight in working. The hem should open out flat and there should be no ridge on the wrong side.

At the end of the hem the thread is secured by taking two or three stitches back over the work just completed.

When correctly made the overhand stitch should be straight on the right side

and should slant slightly to the left on the wrong side.—Beryl Dixon, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.

CHEERFUL KITCHENS.

I often wonder why we don't take more pains to make our kitchens cheerful and pleasant when, if not ourselves, some one must spend the greater part of her time there. A bare, poorly lighted and ventilated kitchen, which is only suggestive of the hard work to be done there, is not a good place to tempt our girls to learn the mysteries of cooking. It is just as true that pleasant surroundings, cheerful, pleasant places in which to work, make the work seem less burdensome and help us to keep cheerful hearts and faces as that dismal, dreary surroundings make dreary lives. The fact cannot be denied that every one is more or less influenced by their surroundings. After the kitchen is made as pleasant a room as may be inside, look after the back yard, that the view from its window may be pleasant. Plant vines to run over the windows and have flower beds near at hand. They will afford you much more pleasure there than if they are all in the front yard. I shall never forget the first summer that I kept house. My kitchen had a front and back door. As I did not care to use the front door, I had the step taken away and planted morning glory vines there, which soon covered the doorway, and all the morning the delicate, pink, white and blue blossoms helped me with my work. Near a back window I had a flower bed where verbenas, phlox, balsams, etc., flourished and cheered me with their sweet presence. By all means, have flowers around the kitchen.

EVERY-DAY MEDICINES.

In every household there should be some convenient shelf and drawer for a few simple remedies and appliances in case of sudden sickness or accident, and each member of the family should be familiar with their contents, all of which should be properly labeled, to prevent mistakes.

Upon the shelf should stand the time-honored camphor bottle, well filled with an article of sufficient strength to blister; a bottle of peppermint essence; one of arnica; spirits of niter, and tincture of aconite, as well as a preparation for burns, consisting of equal parts of linseed oil and lime water. To this add a box of cosmoline, and a bottle of glycerine, as remedies for the every-day complaint of rough hands, always diluting the glycerine with rain water. It is, prepared in this way, indispensable to one troubled with salt rheum on the hands.

Now for the remedies to be put away in spice boxes or any tin box that can be labeled: Ground mustard, to be used for comforting plasters, foot bath, and emetic; golden seal, pulverized, to be used for cankered sore mouth; alum, which, dissolved in warm water, is excellent to take soreness from a bruise or cut; chlorate of potash, for sore throats; ground flax seed, for poultices, and ginger for a good, old-fashioned hot drink.

In the drawer should be found a roll each of flannel, linen and cotton pieces; some strong bandages neatly rolled ready for use; a box of fine cotton batting; plenty of strings; some old kid gloves,

the thumbs and fingers of which may serve to protect a bruised member, and an envelope of court plaster.

There is nothing in this list that is complicated or difficult to obtain, but there is much more than is to be found in most houses. Much could be added, but these few remedies will answer for a great many ailments, and no careful, well-managed household will be without them.

A few remedies, systematically arranged, with which we are perfectly familiar, are worth more than a heterogeneous mass of bottles and boxes, unlabeled, which are to be found on the top shelf of many pantries in great abundance, and which serve only to terrify the beholder with an uncertain sense of the life or death that is within them.

HELPFUL HINTS.

Don't pick up broken glass, but lay a wet cloth over it and "pat" it up.

A pinch of baking soda put into the water when cooking tough meat or fowl will make it tender.

Bulbs grown in fiber in the house should be kept moist, but not wet.

To take out machine oil spots, tack a piece of cotton wool over the spot. Leave it on for some time. You will find the cotton wool absorbs the oil and the mark will be entirely removed from the material.

Most of the trouble with house plants comes from the dry heat and coal gas. Moisture should be provided by setting the plants in a tub of steaming water, not so hot that it will harm the plants. The steam will float up through the foliage and the moisture will be absorbed.

Biscuit made with sour milk or cream of tartar should be handled as little as possible and put as soon as made into a hot oven. A warm oven makes soggy biscuits. The colder the milk or water used in making them, the lighter and more tender they will be.

Purchase a few tin spoons, bend the handles double about an inch from the end. This will make them shorter and stiffer. Put one in each of the cans of soda, baking powder and all other powder ingredients that are measured by spoonfuls, and see how convenient it will be.

FASHION HAS GONE FUR-MAD

Prices are high and are going up—up—up. And those who fortunately live where fur-bearing animals of any description can be trapped have before them a season in which, to the pleasure of capture, will be added a profit not to be overlooked by the thrifty.

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As a consequence for fur of all kinds the demand is far greater than the supply and prices have gone sky high.

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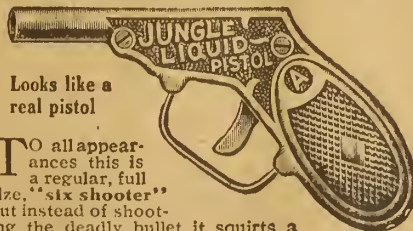
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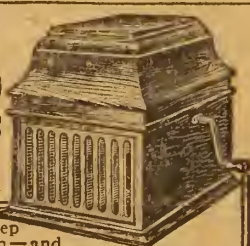


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And offerings of heart and of spirit,

(For those who can understand).

—I. C. L.

The seasons swiftly come and go,—

Once more is Christmas here;

So now I send across the snow,

Borne on the winds that fiercely blow,

'My wish: "God bless you, dear,"

—M. M. S.

These post-card messages seem especially appropriate for our Sunshine Corner; and so I am saying, "God bless you all," at this holiday season.

Somewhere I have read the story of a little child who was helping his mother tie up and mark a large number of Christmas gifts. And while they were busy, the mother was telling him the story of Christmas and that it was the birthday of the Christ child.

"There, I think we have finished the last gift," she finally said, as she rose and shook the scraps of ribbon and paper from her lap.

The child looked about in a puzzled way, and finally said, "But His birthday, where is Jesus' gift? If it is His birthday, we surely ought to have a gift for Him."

The mother was a little confused, and answered, "Well, what would you like to give Him?"

The boy thought a moment, and then replied, "Well—I think—his long's He has everything, He'd rather we gave His gift to poor Jennie. And I think she'd like a nice cake."

"Poor Jennie" was the little seamstress who was now too frail to sew, and could barely eke out a living. And so it happened that on Christmas morning she found by her 'door, not only the "nice cake," but a basket full of food and dainties.

I have often wondered how many of us, in our rush of Christmas giving, remember the birthday gift to the Christ? And He tells us where to place it when He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

If we spend many dollars on gifts to our friends who are as well able to buy as we, and from whom we expect gifts in return, should we not spend at least one dollar on a gift for Christ? And, if we've no dollars to spend for gifts to any one, we can still give. We can write a cheery letter, or send a smile into some darkened corner, or with a word of sympathy help some one to bear their burden with lighter heart. And Christ will say to us, as He said to Mary of old, "She hath done what she could."

APPRECIATION.

Mrs. Myra J. Booth, Florin, Pa., greatly appreciates all form of cheer sent to her. Please retain her name on your list. She still suffers great pain, but tries to be brave and patient.

Mrs. J. W. Robertson thanks Mrs. Brown, of Cleveland, and all others who helped her and her husband. They are still in need. They have changed their address from Allene, Ark., to Wilton, Ark., R. D. 1.

Maude Carey Clarke, Dade City, Fla., nine years old, who formerly lived in Tennessee, wrote a nice letter of thanks to the Sunshiners. She would like books and anything which a nine-year-old girl would enjoy. She lives with her grandparents.

Eugenia E. Barts, Fitch, N. C., R. D. 1, Box 33, sends heartfelt appreciation for all the Sunshiners are doing for her. She is still in need of aid; she does not care for reading matter, as her eyes are weak, but she enjoys getting letters, and answers when a stamp is enclosed. She longs for a graphophone.

Maggie McManaway sends this little note: "Please inform the readers of the Sunshine page that 'Aunt Emily Johnson' (colored), R. D. 1, Stewartville, Va., died the last day of September, 1915. She died as she had lived, with her trust bright in Jesus. Please thank all the Sunshine friends again for their kindness to her in life."

Miss Ruby Black, Fredericksburg, Ind., wishes to thank the Household Journal readers who so kindly sent sunshine and cheer to her. She would like to write to them all, but she can't use her hands enough to write. She has to sit in her wheel-chair and be pushed around for she cannot walk. The only way she has of passing away her time is to read whenever she feels able.

WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

C. C. Williamson, Henrietta, Ky., is a worthy cripple, with a family in need of help.

Mrs. R. L. Risley, Piermont, N. H., an invalid for 37 years, has many articles of fancy work for sale. Send a stamp for her price list.

Miss Frances Royce, of East Shoreham, Vt., comes to us again, asking for cheery cards and letters. She enjoys cards which have pretty scenery.

Mrs. Josephine Parker, Gladwin, Mich., Route 3, No. 19, is a lonely widow who would be glad of cheer. She has a daughter, Ruth, eight years old.

Mrs. J. N. Vaughn, Strother, Mo., asks that the Sunshine friends will not forget to send her quilt pieces, as she is piecing it to donate for Sunshine work.

Miss Mollie Moss, Nelsonville, Ky., sends thanks to all who sent her cheer. She would be grateful for help of any kind; she would be glad of material for fancy work or crochet.

Mrs. Clement Smith, Bremen, Ga., wishes quilt pieces of any kind. She is poor and ill and has a crippled son. A coin enclosed in your letter to her will cause her great joy, I know.

Mr. Clifford E. Davis, Cumberland, Md., Box 63, R. F. D. 2, would be grateful for magazines, and will give them away after he has read them, thus keeping them in circulation.

Mrs. Riggs, Perry, Mo., R. F. D. 1, care of Mr. Will Riggs, is a cripple who fell and broke her hip three years ago. She would be thankful for scraps of calico or worsted to make quilts, to pass away the time.

Cheery letters and cards have been asked for August Hagen, 1120 Elk street, Buffalo, New York. This young man is very lonely, as he is a stranger in Buffalo. He has been in poor health. He becomes much discouraged. Put him on your list.

Miss Willie Jane Sheppard, 2810 Old Temple Road, Los Angeles, Cal., is a crippled colored girl who is lonely and sad. She would be grateful for a Christmas letter party. She has a little booklet, called "Golden Moments," which she sells for 35 cents.

Miss Elizabeth Billingslea, Mannington, W. Va., 105 Main street, has been an invalid for nearly forty years. Her only sister died a few weeks ago, leaving this poor soul to strangers and charity. I am sure letters would cheer her, and gifts would be much appreciated, without doubt.

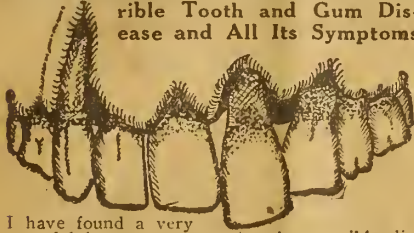
Mrs. B. A. Berry, of 124 West Piedmont street, Keyser, W. Va., still suffers a great deal. She says she is afraid her Household Journal friends have dropped her, but hopes not. Please send her some kind of a greeting, for she always likes to receive letters or cards.

Cheer has been asked for a young man who is greatly afflicted. He has been a great sufferer all his life from asthma, and the past few years has had attacks of epilepsy. He lives with a widowed mother and two spinster aunts. All are very devoted to him, but as they are up in years, his life might be made brighter by receiving sunshine cards and letters. He has never been able to attend school,

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but has learned to read and write a little at home. He is about 20 years old. Will you not send this young man a cheery message occasionally? Address Philip J. Priddy, Cordova, Tenn.

Mrs. Mamie Coyle, of 39 Union Street, Newark, Ohio, is also one of our shut-ins who deserves Xmas cheer. She lives alone and suffers a great deal from rheumatism. She has no income, but depends on kind friends for all she has.

Mrs. Judson Mason, of Aspen, Va., writes to us that she has lost her husband, and that she can not get along without Sunshiner's help. She has six children, the youngest a baby two months old. Any good second hand clothing, or a silver offering would be greatly appreciated.

Pretty post-cards, pictures, cheery greetings, etc., will help to cheer a dear old lady, who fell and broke her hip. She is 80 years old. She lives on top of a mountain, ten miles from a railroad. Address Mrs. Nancy Dolittle, Windham, Orange County, New York, R. F. D., Mt. Pisgah.

Miss Callie D. Barefoot, Four Oaks, N. C., R. F. D. 2, Box 20, comes with her annual appeal. She asks for a letter party on her birthday, December 24th. She has been helpless, in a drawn position, for about 22 years. Her brother, James, is also a cripple from the same disease. They are very poor.

Do not forget to send some Xmas cheer to our dear Mrs. James Kelley, 145 Livingston avenue, Albany, New York. Mrs. Kelley lives alone, and is a cripple. Her eyes are giving her much trouble, and it is hard for her to see. We wish some of our clubs would send a nice Xmas box of cheer to Mrs. Kelley.

James F. Essex, Nelsonville, Ky., Box 41, has suffered over 14 years from rheumatism. His mother is 77 years old, and has been very poorly since she had pneumonia last winter. They are very poor. The father died last winter, so all they have is what sympathizing friends donate. Will you not send them something?

Miss Annie M. Morris, of 325 West Pitt street, Bradford, Pa., asks for orders for her crochet work. She is very needy, and has been in bed about 27 years, suffering from spinal trouble with complications. She has to lie in a cold room during the winter as she can not afford to buy coal. Her sister, with whom she lives, is badly crippled with rheumatism. It is hoped that some ray of cheer can be sent and also some aid.

We request that Miss Dolly Rose, of Manchester, Ohio, Adams County, may be remembered during the holidays. She has lain flat on her back in a wheel-chair for about 25 years. So patient and cheery, yet much to discourage her, as she is unable to use her hands to make fancy-work to support herself as she used to do. Her widowed sister cares for her. A dime with a cheery message would do much for this shut-in.

We hope you have placed Miss Cleone Moore and her mother, Mrs. W. J. Moore, of Hampton, Florida, on your Xmas list. This young girl is about 17 years old. She is nurse, house-keeper, and does her sewing and the laundry. She has done this since ten years old. Her father died two years ago, leaving them in sad circumstances. The mother has been helpless for 15 years, and requires the constant care of this brave girl. They are very worthy. Anything which a young girl likes would be appreciated. Some sheets or pillow cases would brighten their lives, or some towels.

Miss Jennie Spencer, of Campbell, N. C., R. F. D. 1, has been an invalid for years and is very poor. She longs for quilt pieces, as she can get 50 cents for each quilt top. She appreciates every kind act shown her, and desires us to thank each one through the Journal for past favors. She sends the name of a friend who is not able to do very much work. She has four small children and they are very poor. Would also appreciate quilt pieces; also letters or cards. She lives in an out-of-the-way place and gets very lonesome. Address Mrs. Mamie Shelton, Campbell, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

Miss Mary Ellen Willis, of Barnesville, Ga., R. F. D. 3, will be 50 years old December 23d. She weighs 45 pounds. Has never walked a step in her life. Since her sister-in-law's death she is compelled to change her home, as her brother is unable to keep her. She tries so hard to make a living by doing crochet. She says she has pretty crochet pieces from 10 cents to 50 cents. Perhaps you can send her an order or at least a dime. She has to hire a woman to care for her. Her life is pitiful, yet she tries to be cheerful, and is a good Christian woman. Put her on your list for cheer. Be sure to send her some kind of a birthday surprise.

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The Independence of Emily

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haying, leaving her washing dishes, he triumphed in the thought that her outburst of defiance of his authority had been but temporary.

"Women ain't any backbone, anyhow," he said to himself, as he walked over to the meadow leading the horse he was to hitch to his mower.

He thought differently when he came home at noon, hot and hungry, to find the house deserted. He had left his boy of ten years hoeing potatoes near the house, and had charged him not to lose any time, but to try to finish his work by noon, so that he could go to the field and "rake after" in the afternoon. But the boy was gone, and so were his wife and the two girls.

An abundant and excellent cold dinner with a clean cloth thrown over it was set on the kitchen table. Laban at once suspected the whereabouts of his wife, and his suspicions were confirmed when he went out to the barn and found his other horse and the light wagon gone. His wrath and his sense of injury were great. His mental comment as he ate his dinner was:

"I'll saddle the horse and ride right over to the grove and march them all back home; I'll let them know how they will set my authority aside like this! I'll hurry right off, and I'll have them back home in two hours! It's a great idea if a man isn't to be master of his own house!"

Laban was astride his horse and riding toward Thompson's grove a quarter of an hour after he had eaten his dinner. It was a beautiful day, "with cheek all incense and with breath all bloom." Laban found himself catching something of the spirit of the day as he rode along through the cool woods and over the grassy hills. He noted that all of the farm houses he passed had a deserted look, and he rightly conjectured that all of his neighbors had gone to the celebration. At only one house did he see any one, and that was at the home of David Norton. Here he saw David's mother—old Mrs. Norton, whom Laban had known from boyhood—out in the pretty flower-garden in front of the house. She came down to the gate when she saw Laban approaching.

"How do you do, Laban?" she called out, in her shrill but cheery voice, as Laban drew near. "Going to the celebration, I reckon? Well, that's right. A body ought to think enough of one's country to give up one day to honoring it and the men who made it free and independent. I'd be over at the celebration myself, but a crowd tires me so, and I ain't been quite myself for a few days, so I said I'd stay home and see to things while the others went. I see your folks go by here this morning. They stopped and I had a few words with them. Amazing pretty girl your Hetty is, and I hear that she is the smartest girl in the neighborhood. You ought to be proud of her. Emily said that you didn't feel that you could take time to go to the celebration, but I'm glad you changed your mind. I reckon it'll be a surprise to your wife and the children to see you there, after all. Hope you will have a good time."

Laban rode on, pondering some of the things the little old woman had said, and he was less wrathful when he reached the grove.

The afternoon program had just begun when Laban reached the grove. There was a great crowd, and Laban could not at first see anything of his wife and children. He was standing near the platform looking about him when old Squire Thompson came forward and said: "We will now have the Declaration of Independence recited by Miss Hetty Pratt."

Laban could hardly believe that the beautiful young girl who came to the front of the platform was his own daughter. Hetty looked wonderfully fair and sweet in her new white dress and white hat, with the pink roses and ribbons on it. Her cheeks were the color of the pink roses on her hat as she stood before the great audience with a smile on her face. Laban suddenly felt his heart thrill with fatherly pride as he looked at her. He had always been niggardly in the use of money for clothes, and never before had he seen Hetty arrayed in beautiful garments from head to foot. He did not know that his eyes were full of admiration, and he was hardly conscious of the swelling pride in his heart as he looked at Hetty. She had a sweet, clear voice that did not quaver with fear or excitement as she began to recite the splendid old Declaration. Never before had she spoken so well in her father's hearing. And when she had made her bow and had left the platform her father found himself applauding vigorously with the rest of the crowd. Some one by his side said to him:

"I tell you, Laban, that is a mighty bright little girl of yours, and she's purty as a peach. I should think you'd be mighty proud of her."

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Laban was walking away with a new and strange feeling in his heart, when he felt a hand on his arm and saw Hetty looking up into his face.

"Oh, father!" she exclaimed, "I am so glad that you came! Mother and little Willie and Lucy are right over here under the trees. I'll show you where they are. Mother will be glad that you came. We have had such a lovely time. Did I speak well, father?"

"Yes, you did, Hetty," he said, with a tone of genuine pride in his voice.

"You know I saw you the moment I came out on the platform, father, and you helped me to speak my best, for I wanted that you should be proud of me, father."

Hetty was excited by her triumph and by the applause, or she could not have spoken thus to her father; and he was carried out of himself by his new feeling of pride in his daughter or he would not have said:

"I am proud of you, Hetty!"

Laban was as much surprised when he saw Emily as he had been when he had seen Hetty on the platform. It had been years since he had seen his wife in a new dress, a new bonnet and new gloves. Her cheeks were flushed and her eyes were aglow over Hetty's recitation. Emily had been a pretty girl, and she looked ten years younger under the magic touch of happiness and pretty clothes. She came hurrying forward to meet Laban and Hetty.

"Oh, Laban!" she said, impulsively. "I am so glad you came! Did you hear our Hetty, Laban?"

"Yes, I did, Emily."

His voice was kinder than it had been for years, and there was a new light in his eyes as he looked at Lucy and his little boy in the neat new clothes their mother had bought for them. There was not a better-dressed family on the grounds, and Laban felt rather ashamed of his own shabby old clothes.

"You are all fixed up so fine I should think you would be ashamed to have me with you," said Laban.

"Oh, Laban, you know we are not a bit ashamed of you, and the next time we go any place you shall be fixed up fine, too. Now let us all sit down and listen to the singing and speaking."

But Laban did not hear much of the singing and speaking. His thoughts were busy with other things. A strange transformation had been wrought in the heart of Laban by the independence of Emily. Laban's eyes wandered from her to his happy, prettily dressed children, and his pride in them grew apace. He saw other men around him with their wives and children, and there were happy family groups everywhere. He hardly knew why he did not resent it when Myra Thorpe came up at the close of the speaking and said:

"Well, Laban, Emily stole a march on you, now, didn't she? And you come tagging after her, which was the proper thing for you to do. Ain't it a lovely day, and hasn't everything gone off splendidly? I don't know when I have ever enjoyed a Fourth so much. You look real happy, Laban, and I declare if Emily don't look like a girl! It pays to be happy, now, don't it?"

Emily knew that her independence had been condoned and her rebellion forgiven when Laban said at about five o'clock:

"If you and the children want to stay and see the fireworks, Emily, I will ride out home and do the milking and the chores and come back for you. You might as well enjoy the whole thing; and the fact is, I'd rather like to see the fireworks myself."

"And you don't mind my—my—independence, Laban?"

"Mind it? Well, the fact is, Emily, it would have been better for us both if you'd mustered up your independence years ago."

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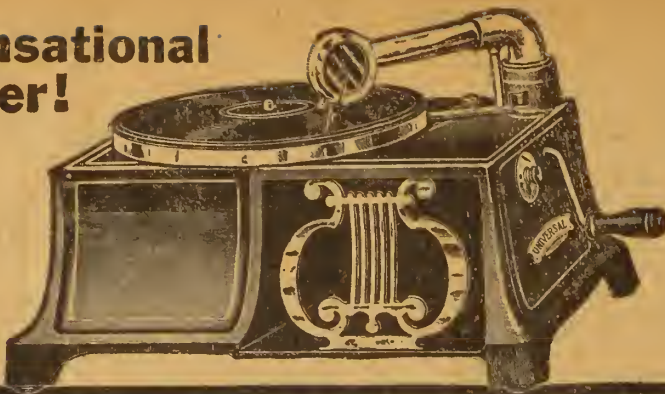
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The Mysterious Murder of the Miser

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his friend had made on the ranch in two years' time.

"It sounds well," said Caleb, after a pause. "It sounds well; only you haven't any security to offer."

"You might stand as my security, under all the circumstances," rather pointedly returned Jack. And it is possible that his uncle understood.

"I have to go away tomorrow on business for a day or two," he said slowly. "I will see what I can do for you." And Jack knew that he had won the victory.

Curiously enough Caleb Vandine was in a wonderfully complaisant mood on that particular evening. Perhaps this was partly due to Grenfil's discomfiture at the hands of his nephew. Or, possibly Jack's face, so like that of his wronged younger brother, had touched some long-slumbering chord.

"I suppose you can't remember your father—or mother—very well, Jack," was his half hesitating remark. And Jack, in a low tone, replied:

"No; not very well."

"Your father, as I have told you was a very handsome man," said Caleb, slowly, "your mother was plain, but very charming withal. She was a fine musician, and when she sat down to her piano—the one in the lower front room—"

"My mother's piano—her—in this house?" interrupted Jack, and Caleb coughed behind his hand.

"I had a friend bid it in at the sale at a very low figure, Jack," he responded, "and when I finally came to Barmouth to live it was sent down here, with a few other things that went surprisingly cheap. I suppose they will be yours when—I die," rather grudgingly concluded his uncle, with an uneasy movement. For that some day he must leave his accumulations was gall and wormwood to Caleb Vandine's dwarfed soul.

"I should like to see anything that belonged to my mother," said Jack, ignoring his uncle's last remark.

Caleb hesitated a moment, and then produced a bunch of rusty keys from the table drawer.

"The room hasn't been open for years," he began, "and I hardly know—"

But Jack did not wait for further speech. Snatching the keys rather rudely from his uncle's fingers, he made his way down the wide staircase into the dimly-lighted hall.

It was the room on the right. Unlocking the door, Jack groped his way to the front windows, which reached to the floor, and throwing open the old-fashioned inside shutters, pushed up the sashes of each.

By the light of the straggling moonbeams which penetrated the semi-obscurity, Jack saw that the apartment had in the olden time been the best room. It was large, high studded, and had a wainscoting of some dark wood extending entirely around the four sides. A wide-mouthed fire-place, set about with quaint porcelain tiling, was at one side under a curiously-carved mantel of oak.

Some more modern furniture was huddled against the walls without regard to order, but Jack took no note of this. Between the two windows was his mother's piano.

Throwing open the lid, Jack struck the keys lightly—keys which a moment later released the imprisoned harmony. A discord here and there, as a matter of course, but lost in the fullness of the chords—"now sudden sweet, now trumpet loud"—that filled the apartment and went drifting out on the soft, night air.

Across the shady street a little further down stood the hip-roofed house which I have mentioned as Miss Morier's temporary summer home.

As the first notes, faintly clear and distinct, reached the ears of Mrs. Martin who sat by the open window, that worthy lady dropped her knitting work in amazement.

"Land o' compassion, Miss Morier, you don't s'pose that's o' Caleb Vandine's playin'! It comes direct' from his house, an' they say he's got a pianny in one of the rooms that's been shet—goodness knows how long."

But Miss Morier had vanished from the little piazza where she had been sitting, communing with her own thoughts, a few moments before. Attracted by the beauty of the evening, she threw a flimsy handkerchief over her abundant hair, and strolled down the box-bordered walk to the gate.

"Good evening, Miss Morier," with effusion and a show of gleaming, white teeth.

"Good evening, Mr. Grenfil," with a shadowy coolness, as the gentleman thus addressed deliberately unlatched the gate and let himself in.

Mr. Grenfil perhaps mistook the coolness for maidenly coyness. Indeed, just at that particular time, things in general were slightly tinged with couleur-de-rose, owing to a glass of brandy taken as a preventative against a

chill after his recent immersion. Also a second one after a change of toilet.

The effects of the potent beverage had not only been to screw his courage to the sticking point, but to keep it there for a time. And courage with unbounded self-assurance are potent allies in love or war.

"Miss Morier," he said, "I am no romantic love-swain—you are too sensible to entertain romantic notions. I have long cherished an affection for you. Tonight I ask you to make me the happiest man in existence by uniting your fate with my own."

Mr. Grenfil did not drop on his knees in thus expressing himself, as this would savor of the romance he deprecated. But as Miss Morier, drawing her fine figure proudly erect, stood for a moment looking him in the face in astonishment too deep for words, Mr. Grenfil, mistaking the cause of her silence, seized her hand.

The very touch seemed to restore Miss Morier to consciousness—if I may so express it.

"No! A thousand times no!" she cried, snatching away her hand, and fled up the garden path, with burning cheeks, leaving Mr. Grenfil quite stupefied with amazement.

There had been something of repugnance, almost detestation, in Miss Morier's voice, which even his calloused nature could not misunderstand, and with a bitter curse on his bearded lip he turned away.

"If that — Vandine has stepped in before me I'll kill him, if I swing for it!" he muttered savagely. And those who best knew Robert Grenfil would have felt that this was no idle threat.

Miss Morier, greatly vexed and disturbed at

this very unexpected aowal from a man toward whom she had never felt even a passing friendship, seated herself on the piazza.

"How dared he!" she whispered, and tearing bits of embroidery from her head, she vigorously scrubbed her white hand which for a moment had been retained in Mr. Grenfil's clasp.

But gradually she composed herself. The ever-present murmur of the sea calmed her inward disquiet. The breeze caressed her hot brow with cooling finger-tips. The distant touch of piano keys aroused her interest, for—yes—surely, the music came from the old Vandine homestead.

"When and how shall I earliest meet her?"

What are words she first will say?

By what name shall I learn to greet her?

I know not now, but 'twill come some day.

With the self-same sunlight shining upon her,

Streaming down on her stresses sheen,

She is standing somewhere, she I would honor,

She that I wait for—my queen, my queen."

Well Miss Morier remembered the clear, powerful voice that was sending the passionate message out into the starlight and silence. Locking her white fingers, she sat leaning forward, with lips slightly parted.

"But she must be courteous—she must be holy,

Pure in her spirit, the maiden I love;

Whether her birth be noble or lowly,

I care no more than the spirit above;

And I'll give my heart to my lady's keeping,

And ever her strength on mine shall lean,

And the stars shall fall—the angels be weeping—

Ere I cease to love her—my queen, my queen."

The noble voice rang out with a throbbing intensity of meaning, and Miss Morier knew, in her heart of hearts, that the song words were not thrown aimlessly to the idle winds. More than that, as surely as though whispered by the lips of a lover in her ear, she felt that the message they carried were meant for herself. What answer should she make to her own soul?

The tender love song had stirred the singer to the very depths. Closing the piano, Jack paced the piazza irresolutely to and fro, for some little time.

"He either fears his fate too much,

Or deserts far too small,

Who dares not put it to the touch

And win—or lose it all."

The well-worn lines flashed suddenly across him like an inspiration.

"I accept the omen," said Jack, only he repeated the Latin quotation which I have forgotten.

His uncle had retired, so stealing softly to his room, Jack pulled a battered leather writing-case from his traveling-bag, and drawing therefrom a few sheets of foreign paper having a singular spicy odor, sat him down to write.

The letter was not long, yet its composition cost Jack no little trouble. Placing it in an envelope, which, after sealing securely, he addressed in a firm, even hand, Jack put it in his pocket.

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In answer to his timid knock, the door opened, and raising his eyes Jack saw not the lady of his affections, but Mrs. Keyner, who stood steadfastly regarding him with indignation in her face and a lamp in her hand.

Jack felt himself turning hot and cold by turns, but putting the best possible face on the matter, he said:

"I beg your pardon—but has Miss Morier retired?"

"She has gone to her room—yes," was the cold reply. "Have you any message you wish delivered?"

Jack was in a quandary, but the emergency of the situation had left him no resource.

Drawing the letter from his pocket, he extended it to Mrs. Keyner, who took it with but scant courtesy.

"If you will hand her that tonight," said Jack, quietly, "it will be a great personal favor. It is—quite important she should have it tonight," he added, as Mrs. Keyner nodded stiffly.

"I will give it to her at once," she replied, icily, and closed the door in Jack's face.

Feeling a trifle crestfallen, Jack reached the street and turned to look back. Yes, Mrs. Keyner had taken the lamp from the table and ascended the front stairs. Jack held his breath, for the windows were all open, and he fancied he heard a knock at an upper chamber door, followed by a brief murmur of voices. Then the light descended, and Mrs. Keyner's profile appeared against the curtain in its former position.

Jack drew a long breath.

"She's delivered it," he said. "By Jove! It was awkward, though; I never thought that Mrs. Keyner might come to the door. Of course, her brother only told his side of the story, and she naturally thinks me a big brute."

But other and far more important considerations drove Mrs. Keyner completely from his mind, as he walked rapidly back to the old homestead. His heart beat almost to suffocation as he swiftly but lightly ascending the stairs, Jack entered the so-called library, and taking his position by the open casement, fixed his eager eyes on the north gable of the quaint old house he had just left.

For there was Miss Morier's room. More than once, from where he stood, Jack had watched her, early of mornings, reading or writing at one of the two small windows.

He saw the glow of a lamp apparently in the further end of the room, and watched it with bated breath. Minute after minute passed—she must have read his letter. She was taking time to consider it.

Suddenly, Jack gave a convulsive start. The lamp was extinguished—that was all. Hardly a sufficient reason why a strong man should suddenly grow pale and stagger against the table near which he was standing.

"That is all," he said to himself, bitterly. And with one last long look turned away from the window. He did not go to bed. For on the following morning, after Caleb Vandine's departure for Boston on the steamer that touched at Barmouth near day-dawn, the old housekeeper rang the breakfast bell in vain for Jack. His bed was untouched. His traveling-bag containing his scanty wardrobe stood in its usual place. The day passed and another came, but Jack was still missing. He had disappeared from Barmouth as mysteriously as though the earth or sea had suddenly swallowed him up.

He had been heard singing a love song the night previous to his disappearance. After that, so far as was known, no one heard or seen aught of Jack Vandine. Or if any one had, such person or persons kept the fact to themselves.

Caleb Vandine was apparently more astonished than disturbed, when, on his return, he learned that Jack had disappeared. Possibly Caleb was consoled by the remembrance that the two thousand dollars he had brought with him as Jack's loan, would revert again to himself.

"Jack has left as suddenly as he came, for reasons best known to himself," he said dryly. "He is a fine, young fellow, but too erratic, by far." And as there was not the slightest reason for suspecting foul play, general interest in the matter gradually died away, excepting in one particular case—that of Miss Morier.

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Tomorrow she will be so cross,
I fear, I fear.

For dollies, if they keep awake,
You know, will get
All out of tune as children do,
And cry and fret.

If I could see the doctor man,
Perhaps he'd fix
A sleeping dose for wakeful dolls—
You know they mix

Sleep in a bottle; how it's done
Nobody knows,
Nor where the doctor gets the sleep—
He does, I s'pose!

—Wide Awake.

Mrs. Dents (at the ball game, excitedly):
"Isn't our pitcher perfectly grand, Tyrus? He hits the club nearly every throw."

"Was your garden a success last year?"
"Very much so. My neighbor's chickens took first prize at the poultry show."

"Why do you think you will have any trouble in keeping the engagement secret?"
"I had to tell the girl, didn't I?"

"Auntie, did you ever get a proposal?"
"Once, dear. A gentleman asked me to marry him over the telephone, but he had the wrong number."

First Shopper—"It's so hard to find just what you want."
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Mamma—"What are you doing, Harry?"
Harry—"I'm countin'. You told me when I got angry I should count a hundred."

Mamma—"Yes, so I did."
Harry—"Well, I've counted two hundred and thirty-seven, and I'm madder'n when I started."

"Pah'n"—some members of a colored church in the South are represented as saying—"What makes yo' use such big words in yo' serm'n? We knows what yo' means when yo' talk 'bout de cosmahogany ob de universe. But when yo' speak 'bout 'procrastination,' we don't understand 'yo'."

"Don't understand 'dat?" replied the preacher.
"Why, chil'n, dat am one of de fun'mental doctrines ob de Presbyteri'n church!"

It was never a happy day for Sammy's painstaking father when his young hopeful's school report arrived at his Boston home.

The awful day had come once more and father was in the lowest depths of misery. "Sammy, Sammy," he groaned, "why is it that you are at the bottom of your class again?"

"What does it matter, father, whether I am at the top or the bottom?" queried that wise youth. "They teach the same at both ends, you know."

"A wedding party at the seaside, you know, had to cross, on its way to church, a salt creek. As the boat carried them over this creek, the bridegroom fell into the water."

"Oh, save him!" cried the bride. "Save him!"

"Save him? What for?" said a guest. "He's an Al swimmer."

"That's just it," wept the bride. "Don't you see that he's swimming toward the other bank!"

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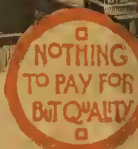
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